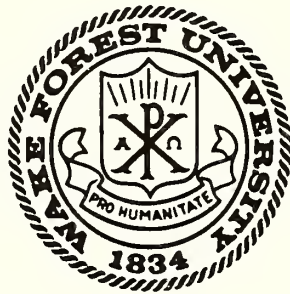


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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.
 2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to the body.
 3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from the issue of the Annual.
 4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.
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Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspira-

tion of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i. e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place, and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and /or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and /or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Ex-

ecutive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting of special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meeting. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this session of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper func-

tioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Associational Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Catawba Baptist Church
October 21, 1976

1. The Twenty-first annual session began at 4:00 p. m. with Paul McManus leading in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Mrs Barbara Sigmon was organist. Rev. Bruce Walker, program chairman, introduced Dr. Forrest Feezor, noted retired minister, who would speak at the opening of each session. Paul McManus sang selections from "The Family of God". Dr. Feezor, spoke using the theme, "The Christ We Worship".

2. Rev. Homer Bradey, Moderator, called for the constitution of the 21st annual session, reading from the gavel and from the objective of our Constitution. A motion was adopted that those already registered and who would register would constitute this session.

3. Rev. Bruce Walker, chairman of the Program committee, presented the printed program which was adopted as the order of business with adjustments that may be necessary.

Program

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 21 CATAWBA BAPTIST CHURCH

4:00 Hymn "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"	No. 16
Special Music	Rev. J. Harold Craig leading
Worship	Paul McManus
4:30 ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	Led by Dr. Forest Feezor
Constitution of Twenty-first Annual Session	
Adoption of Order of Business	Rev. Bruce Walker
Welcome	Rev. Charles Lanier
Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members	Rev. Homer Bradey
Recognition of Visitors	
Report of Registration	V. H. White
Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"	No. 419
5:00 Message	Dr. Cecil A. Ray
5:30 COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS REPORTS	
Sunday School	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
Church Training	Mrs. Smoot Baker
Evangelism	Rev. H. Phillip King
Association Office	Rev. Joe Coltrane
Trustees	David L. Stewart
Scholarship Foundation	George F. Hemphill
Nominating Committee	Gary A. Whitener
Extension Committee	Rev. Alvin A. Walker
Recognition of Institution Representatives	
Benediction and Blessing	Rev. J. Garland Early
6:00 DINNER	

THURSDAY EVENING—OCTOBER 21 CATAWBA BAPTIST CHURCH

7:00 Hymn "Soldiers of Christ Arise"	No. 416
Special Music	Charles R. Brown leading
Worship	Charles R. Brown
7:30 COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS REPORTS	Dr. Forest Feezor
Extension Committee (continued)	Rev. Alvin Walker
Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
Finance Committee	Rev. J. Max Smith
Place and Preacher Committee	Rev. Richard Fisher
Brotherhood	B. J. Abernathy
Election of Officers	
Report of Registration	V. H. White
8:00 Special Music	East Burke High School Chorus
	Mr. Jim Williams, Director
8:20 Hymn "Standing On The Promises"	No. 266
Scripture and Prayer	Dr. Smoot Baker
Special Music	Rev. David O. Byler
Annual Sermon	Rev. Joe Coltrane
Benediction	Rev. Walter Coleman

FRIDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 22
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HILDEBRAN

9:30 Hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God"	No. 445
Special Music	Paul McManus leading
Worship	Miss Carole Byrd
10:00 Welcome	Dr. Forest Feezor
COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS REPORT	Dr. Ben A. Byrd
Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. Bruce Walker
Central Training School	Charles R. Brown
Christian Life Committee	Rev. Harold Threatt
Ordination Committee	Rev. Walter Cooley
Memorial Service	Rev. Charles H. High
10:30 Pastor-Church Relations	Robert Bruhn
Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"	No. 465
11:00 Resolutions	David O. Byler leading
Miscellaneous Business	Mrs. Harold Threatt
Report of Registration	V. H. White
Membership Committee	Dr. William J. Furr
11:20 Special Music	Wingate College
11:30 Message	Dr. Thomas Corts
12:00 Benediction and Blessing	Rev. R. J. Pressley
Adjournment and LUNCH	

4. Rev. Charles Lanier, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Bradley recognized the new pastors and staff members and their wives: Rev. Charles Lanier, Catawba; Rev. Billy Emmett, Associate, Viewmont; Rev. Garland Early, Temple; Rev. Walter Coleman, Associate, Hickory, First; Rev. Ronald Johnson, Sweetwater; Rev. Rector Henson, Wayside; Rev. John Bowen, Associate, Penelope.

5. Rev. Isaac Terrell, Baptist Children's Homes was recognized.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 110 messengers and 11 visitors registered from 26 churches. Paul McManus led in singing the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus".

7. Dr. Cecil Ray, Executive Secretary, Baptist State Convention, spoke challenging us to commitment to the "Bold Mission Thrust" of our Convention.

8. Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Sunday School Director, reported on activities of the year and encouraged attendance at the Teaching-Learning Conference in February 1977.

9. Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director, reported on activities and stressed nurturing the church membership through Church Training.

10. Rev. Phillip King, chairman of Evangelism, gave plans for an Evangelism Thrust October 9-12, 1977 with the possibility of Miss Joe Ann Shelton participating.

11. Rev. Fred Thompson, a member of the Association Office committee, referred to their report in the Book of Reports.

12. Mrs. David L. Stewart read the Trustees report from the Book of Reports.

13. George F. Hemphill, Scholarship Foundation chairman, reported a bequest of \$7,466.07 from the estate of Miss Myra Yount, Viewmont Church. He urged the churches to remember the Foundation in their budget and individuals to remember this Foundation by "Memoriam" gifts and through their Wills.

14. Rev. Phillip King, member of the Nominating Committee, presented their report which was adopted as contained in this issue.

15. Rev. Alvin Walker, chairman of the Extension Committee, presented their report concerning purchasing of property for a future possible church site as contained in this issue. This was presented as information at this time to be brought as a motion at the 7:00 p. m. session.

16. Rev. Isaac Terrell spoke briefly concerning the Baptist Children's Homes. Rev. Garland Early led in the blessing and benediction.

17. A delicious meal was served by the host church. Approximately 168 persons were present at this time.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21
Catawba Baptist Church

18. Charles Brown led in singing "O For a Thousand Tongues" with Tim Warren as organist. Rev. Bruce Walker led in prayer. Charles Brown sang a solo, "The Author of Love". Dr. Feezor spoke on "What Was In The Cup?".

19. Rev. Alvin Walker, chairman of the Extension Committee, came again with their recommendation to purchase 3 acres of land from Gerald Yoder at \$6,000.00 per acre and 3 acres adjoining from Norman James at \$6,000.00 per acre, plus a gift of one acre with an unused house from Mr. James. The down payment \$7,220.00, with annual payments of \$2,556.00 plus Interest (9%) to Mr. Yoder for five years and \$1,600.00 plus Interest (8%) to Mr. James for 10 years.

The following motion was adopted as made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Dr. Smoot Baker and others: "I move that the association buy this property as described in the written report. To accomplish this, I further move: 1. That the trustees of this association be authorized and instructed to exercise their prerogatives to complete this transaction. 2. That the treasurer of the association be authorized and instructed to draw on our invested reserves as necessary, and that the treasurer handle all funds designated for this purpose. 3. That a committee consisting of C. W. Broome, chairman, W. J. Furr, and Bruce Teague be established and authorized to direct a program of financial support for the payment of this property.

20. F. W. Broome, Treasurer, reviewed the Financial Summary for the past year.

21. J. Max Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for 1976-77, amount \$19,197.00, plus an additional goal of \$2,500.00 designated gifts for Church Extension, which was adopted as contained in this issue.

22. Cecil Mull, member of the Place & Preacher Committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: 1st Day, First Church, Icard; 2nd Day, First Church, Startown. Rev. Bruce Walker to preach the annual sermon with Rev. Bob Hillard as alternate.

23. On motion from the floor, Rev. Bruce Walker was elected as Moderator.

24. On motion from the floor, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill was elected as Vice-Moderator.

25. With the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Walter Cooley, presiding, V. H. White, registrar, reported 124 messengers and 95 visitors (including 49 from East Burke Chorus) from 27 churches registered.

26. The East Burke High School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Jim Williams, presented seven choral selections which were well received.

27. Following singing of the hymn, "Standing on the Promises", Dr. Smoot Baker read Scripture from II Timothy 1: 1-14 and led in prayer. Special music, a medley on the Church, was presented by an Ensemble from First Church, Hickory with David O. Byler directing. Tim Warren was organist and Mrs. Louise Leibe, pianist. Rev. Joe Coltrane brought the annual sermon using as his topic "Stir Up the Gift of God". Rev. Ben Hall led the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22
First Baptist Church, Hildebran

28. The Friday morning session began with singing "Rise Up, O Men of God", with Paul McManus leading. Mrs. Lucille Johnson served as organist and Mrs. Ben Byrd as pianist. Miss Carole Byrd, a student of the School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, sang "The Lord Is My Light". Dr. Feezor brought his concluding message, "Seeing Jesus Through His Hands".

29. Dr. Ben Byrd, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome.

30. Mrs. Bruce Walker, WMU Director, reported on activities and noted that the State WMU has the largest enrollment in the S. B. C.

31. Charles Brown, reported plans for Central Training School with a Teaching-Learning Clinic in February 1977 and a World Missions Conference in February 1978.

32. Rev. Harold Threalt, chairman of the Christian Life Committee, and Rev. Charles High, a member of this committee, presented Resolutions which were adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION ON TELEVISION PROGRAMMING

Whereas the family is the basic unit of our society, and yet because of the popularity of television that the family unit is being seriously undermined and endangered, and

Whereas, children and adults alike will watch the "tube"—it is estimated more hours in a week than they spend in Sunday School in an entire year, and

Whereas, the quality of programming has deteriorated, so much so that objectionable (if not totally obscene) material comprises the majority of material offered through this medium, and

Whereas, television could be a means of life enrichment and education with proper programming,

Therefore, be it resolved

1. That we seek to make our people aware of their stewardship of even that which they allow into their homes through this means,
2. That the churches and pastors seriously consider steps to be taken to voice our feelings concerning this grave menace.
3. That groups and individuals from every church take time to write station managers, networks, and producers expressing their feelings concerning such objectionable programs,
4. That groups and individuals from every church write sponsors of these undesirable programs, voicing their feelings concerning them,
5. That shoppers refrain from purchasing products so advertised, having expressed that determination in their communication to the sponsors,
6. That groups and individuals from every church take time to write station managers, networks, and producers, voicing their commendation of programs that are wholesome, educational and uplifting.

RESOLUTION ON ABORTION

Whereas, Southern Baptists have always held the Biblical view of the sanctity of human life, and

Whereas, Abortion is a very serious moral and spiritual problem of growing concern to the American people, and

Whereas, Christians have a responsibility to deal with all moral and spiritual issues which affect society, including the problems of abortion, and

Whereas, the practice of abortion for selfish non-therapeutic reasons wantonly destroys fetal life, dulls our society's moral sensitivity, and leads to a cheapening of all human life,

Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the messengers to the Theron Rankin Baptist Association Annual Meeting, October 21 and 22, 1976 reaffirm the Biblical sacredness and dignity of all human life, including fetal life, and
2. That we call on the pastors and other messengers to this twenty-first annual meeting to lead the members of their respective churches to write letters to their congressmen and senators, on both the state and national level, and to the president and vice-president of our country, urging them to exercise their influence in passing legislation to put an end to the widespread practices of indiscriminate Abortion, its commercialization, and exploitation by irresponsible abortion advocates.

RESOLUTION ON CITIZENSHIP

Whereas, Christians are citizens of two worlds, the Heavenly Kingdom and the earthly kingdom, it is incumbent upon us that we seek to be worthy and loyal citizens of both.

Be it therefore resolved that

1. In recognition of this fact, we urge all Christians to be loyal participants in the various governmental processes and programs,
2. Christian citizens be encouraged to offer themselves as political candidates, and that Christian citizens be encouraged to participate and become involved in the electoral processes,
3. Since this is an election year, it is fitting and proper that all Christian citizens exemplify good citizenship by participating in the various campaigns and by all means voting at the appropriate time.

Christ spoke of Christians as being the leaven that permeates the whole of the loaf. By voting and participating in the electoral process we truly are seeking to influence the whole of society with Christian ethics, philosophy and teachings.

"Your Christian Life Committee would like to encourage the leadership and followship of our churches to keep abreast with the alcohol and drug problems, which have confronted us for so long, and take all the appropriate action possible in an effort to stem the tide of these menaces to society.

We also recommend that a copy of each resolution be sent to each pastor and all members of the church council in every church in our association.

We further recommend that a copy of each resolution be sent to our congressmen, senators, on both the state and national level, and to our president, vice-president and other appointed officials."

The Clerk and Publicity chairman offered to deliver these resolutions to the Newspapers in this area.

33. Rev. Walter Cooley reported for the Ordination committee.

34. Rev. Charles High conducted the Memorial service, reading the names of the deceased members of the churches.

35. Rev. Robert Bruhn, Baptist State Convention representative, spoke on Pastor-Church Relations. He emphasized that we are all in this business together as people and pastor.

36. Sidney Tanner led in the hymns, "To God Be The Glory", "God of Grace", and "Praise Him, Praise Him".

37. Mrs. Harold Threalt, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented their report which was adopted as contained in this issue.

38. During the miscellaneous business period, the reports as contained in the Book of Reports were adopted. Rev. T. A. Lineberger, Director of South Mountain Baptist Camp, reported on the Camp.

39. V. H. White, registrar, reported 106 messengers and 32 visitors registered from 25 churches.

40. Paul McManus, member of the Membership Committee, presented their report containing the request from Calvary Baptist Church, Hickory that they be dropped from our membership. On motion, their request was granted.

41. Moderator Bradey recognized the newly elected Vice-Moderator, Fritz Hemphill, and then passed the gavel to the new Moderator, Bruce Walker, who presided over the remainder of this session. Mr. Walker recognized the other members of the Program Committee.

42. Dr. Thomas Corts, President of Wingate College, spoke concerning the College and presented five young people from the college—a part of the group called "Windy Gales" who sang several selections. Dr. Corts then brought the closing message.

43. Mr. Walker expressed appreciation to retiring Moderator Homer Bradey and Vice-Moderator, Walter Cooley, for excellent leadership for the past two years. Rev. R. J. Pressley led in the blessing and benediction.

44. A delicious meal was served by the host church.

46. The total registration for the two days was 139 messengers and 78 visitors from 27 churches for the two days, a total of 217 plus 54 from choirs outside the association. The East First Street, Fairbrook, Oxford, Sweetwater, Unity, Wayside, and Winkler's Grove Churches were not represented.

The weather was clear and pleasant both days.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Mae Bolick, Mrs. Lillian Stepp, Mrs. H. F. Wallace (1 visitor)

CLAVARY, NEWTON (5) Rev. Fred Thompson (Pastor), M. L. Adair, Mrs. Leroy Mauney, Mrs. Fred Thompson

CATAWBA (4) Rev. C. C. Lanier (Pastor), Edna Danner, Mrs. Floyd Edwards, Mrs. C. C. Lanier (21 visitors)

CENTRAL (6) Rev. Bruce Walker (Pastor), Ruth Fulbright, Ernest E. McGalliard, Mrs. Ernest McGalliard, Mrs. Bruce Walker

CLAREMONT, FIRST (4) Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor) Lillie Mae Lowman, Betsy Pierce, Nancy Shook (1 visitor)

CORINTH (6) Rev. R. J. Pressley (Pastor) , Mrs. Braskie Bown, Mrs. Luther Costner, Prue Peeler, Mrs. R. J. Pressley, Velma Stallings (1 visitor)

EAST FIRST ST. (5) None

EAST HICKORY (8) Rev. Joe Coltrane (Pastor), Mary T. Brown, Mrs. Bessie Canipe, Lois Canipe, Mrs. Joe Coltrane, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mamie Seagle, Sidney E. Tanner (3 visitors)

FAIRBROOK (3) None

FAIRGROVE (4) Mrs. Richard Fisher, Mrs. Edward Parsons, Mrs. Tommy Tyson, Mrs. A. C. Sigmom (1 visitor)

HICKORY, FIRST (19) Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr. (Pastor), Frank Barlow, David O. Byler, Frelon Broome, B. V. Chamblee, Mrs. R. F. Smith, Jr. (14 visitors)

HIGHLAND (16) Rev. Charles H. High (Pastor), Rev. Roy Beals, V. H. White
 HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) Dr. Ben A. Byrd (Pastor), J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns,
 Mrs. Ben A. Byrd, Mrs. Virgil Mosteller, Mrs. J. J. Temple, B. J. Abernethy, Mrs. Clarcy
 Cook (16 visitors)
 ICARD, FIRST (6) Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), John Deal, A. V. Ledford, Mrs. A. V. Ledford,
 Mrs. Roy Simpson, J. Max Smith
 LAKEVIEW (6) Rev. Walter L. Cooley (Pastor)
 LONGVIEW (4) Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr. (Pastor), Fred Crump, Mrs. Fred Crump, Mrs. Glen A.
 Ramsey
 MOUNTAIN GROVE (7) Rev. Homer L. Bradey (Pastor), Mrs. Homer Bradley, John F. Hall,
 Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mary Huffman, Dr. Larry Penley, Mrs. Larry Penley, (2 visitors)
 NEWTON, FIRST (11) G. Milton Bellini, Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Mrs. G. H. Hedgepeth, Rev.
 Alvin A. Walker
 NORTH NEWTON (7) Ray Abernathy, Harold Ellis, Joe L. Hester, M. J. Upchurch, Carrie
 Wilson, Clarence Wilson, Lorene Wilson
 OXFORD (5) None
 PENELOPE (13) Rev. Aubrey Folk (Pastor), John R. Bowen, Mrs. John Bowen, Mrs. O. H.
 Cook, J. Harold Craig, Mrs. E. C. Yoder (2 visitors)
 PROVIDENCE (4) Rev. Ben Hall (Pastor), Yates Abernethy, Mrs. Yates Abernethy, M. S. Brit-
 tain (1 visitor)
 SANDY RIDGE (7) Rev. Homer F. Greene (Pastor), Lillie W. Ellis, Ron Kiser, Lloyd Pittman,
 Mrs. Lloyd Pittman
 SPRINGS ROAD (8) Rev. Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Mrs. Wray Barrett, Ira E. Pennell, Mrs. Ira
 Pennell
 STARTOWN, FIRST (3) Rev. I. D. Phillips (Pastor), Oscar V. Herman, Catherine Herman
 SWEETWATER (4) None
 TEMPLE (7) Rev. J. Garland Early (Pastor), Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Garland
 Early, Cecil Mull
 UNITY (4) None
 VIEWMONT (15) Rev. Albert A. Young (Pastor), Charles Brown, Janelle Bumgarner, Mrs.
 Wesley Dockery, Billy H. Emmett, Margie B. Watts, Frank Poovey
 WARLICK'S (6) Rev. Matt L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Clara Bridges, Mrs. Avery Oders
 WAYSIDE (3) None
 WEST HICKORY (12) Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), O. A. Buff, Mr. O. A. Buff, James W. Coble,
 Mrs. James W. Coble, A. E. Gabbard, Mrs. A. E. Gabbard, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Mrs. Fritz
 Hemphill, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Lula Stallings (2 visitors)
 WINKLER'S GROVE (10) None
 WOODLAWN (6) Rev. Harold L. Threalt (Pastor), R. T. Boatwright, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. Bill
 Easterling, Paul McManus, Mrs. David L. Steward (3 visitors)

Visitors from outside the association—9

Musicians from outside the association—54

Reports

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. Lewis E. Bumgarner

The American Bible Society works with the United Bible Societies around the world to provide the Scriptures to more people than ever. At least one book of the Bible has now been translated in 1577 languages.

During 1975, the ABS supported 562 translation projects around the world. A milestone in the development of the common language translation will be reached late in 1976 when "The Good News Bible", the entire Bible in Today's English Version, is published. It makes available for the first time the entire text in easily understood language.

On the eve of its tenth anniversary, distribution of "God News for Modern Man" has passed the fifty million mark, an achievement unmatched in U. S. paperback history.

World Scripture distribution by the United Bible Societies totaled 156,445,597 copies of

Scripture in 1975 of which 109,469,781 copies were distributed in the U. S. This represents a national increase of 11,181,000 over 1974.

The American Bible Society contributed over \$5,600,000 to the UBS World Service Budget in 1975, giving crucial support to the Bible cause in many parts of the world. However, inflation has continued to hamper the progress of Bible Society activity.

The Executive Committee of the United Bible Societies recently pledged \$11.2 million for the support of its worldwide program in 1976. The American Bible Society, therefore, requires continued and increased support from the churches.

Contributions from churches in 1975 increased 9.4 percent over last year to a total of \$1,453,920. Nearly 15.6 per cent of this total is represented by the support received from the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention can help the Bible cause in 1976 by striving for a level of support of \$.03 per member per year. This increase of just \$.01 over the present level of support would provide a total of \$350,000, helping significantly to take advantage of today's opportunities for sharing the Word.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

Rev. Roy Beals

Southern Baptist churches depend on the Annuity Board to provide retirement and insurance protection to pastors and others in church-related vocations.

The Board holds in trust retirement contributions from nearly 40,000 persons. Their contributions will be converted into annuity benefits when they retire.

These contributions, taken together, are considered as funds held in trust by the Annuity Board. They now amount to \$401,135,261. While this appears to be a great deal of money, this must be divided among the 40,000 future annuitants and serve their lifetime, post-retirement needs.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Board, described 1975 as "an excellent year of recovery, growth, and optimism" from the agency. Income from the investment of funds held in trust attained a one-year record of \$23,149,064.

Benefits paid to retirees, widows, and the disabled in 1975 amounted to \$15,734,003. During the Annuity Board's 58 years of existence, it has paid more than \$141 million in retirement and protection benefits.

A 13th Check issued in December, 1975 provided 8,221 annuitants with an extra month's income to help them combat the rapidly rising cost of living. The combined amount of this extra benefit came to \$733,585. It is called the 13th Check because it is over and above the 12 regular monthly payments.

The Annuity Board helps churches and SBC agencies get the best coverage at the most advantageous rates in life, health, and disability insurance.

In North Carolina, 2667 staff members of 2140 churches and associations are participating in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program—2421 in the Family Benefit Section (Plan A), 1069 in the Age Security Section (Plan B), and 240 in the Variable Benefit Section (Plan C).

There are 29 churches in the Theron Rankin Association and 39 pastors and workers insured with the Annuity Board. Let's make it 100% .

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Rev. Joe D. Coltrane

During the 1975-76 associational year, the Association Office Committee has endeavored to be in close contact with Miss Cater in order to be aware of any needs pertaining to the work of her office.

There have been two matters concerning which recommendations have been made by our committee. In May, 1976, the recommendation was made to the Executive Committee of the Association that the Association provide the financial means for Miss Cater to join the Bicentennial Tour to Glorieta, New Mexico, for the W. M. U. conference there. This tour, sponsored by the W. M. U. of our Baptist State Convention, would involve 18 days, including the conference. The recommendation was approved, and Miss Cater participated in the tour during July.

Then, on June 24, the committee met and worked out a recommendation to be made to

the Finance Committee of the Association. The recommendation pertained to a budget for the association office for the 1976-77 year, and is reflected in the proposed budget for the Association for the new year.

This committee agreed unanimously that we are indeed fortunate to have such a person as Miss Cater for our Promotional Secretary. Her gracious and helpful spirit coupled with her excellent and effective work make her a tremendous asset to our Association.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton, Certified Public Accountant

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1976, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1,610.50: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1976 was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$20,901.40: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings and Loan Association of \$12,686.22 and at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of \$8,215.18 on September 30, 1976, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$18,352.86: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$18,528.93: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expense of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursement journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF N. C.

As our nation enters its third century, we are reminded that its future is in its children. We have no greater national need than strength of character and wholeness of persons in our citizens. Yet, too many children, through family tragedy or breakdown or weakness, are deprived of the growing experiences so essential to wholeness of life.

The purpose of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is to help make up this loss through a Christian ministry of quality child care. Emergency Care is offered the child who needs immediate short-term care to provide time for a more permanent plan. Group Care is offered the child who needs the multiple relationships which a group of his peers and a staff of Christian professionals can provide.

Foster Care is offered the preschooler and the older child who needs the closer relationships of a family setting. Maternity Care is offered the unwed mother and her child. Preschool care and education are offered a select group of younger children. Consultation in child development and family life education is offered to churches concerned for families and children in their communities. Varied planning and counselling services are offered to families in stress.

In each of these services, the focus is on the whole family; the motivation is Christian love; the aim is wholeness and health for the persons served.

To make these varied services available to families and children, a statewide network of facilities and programs has emerged. Indian Beach, Kinston, Pembroke, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Burlington, Wallburg, Thomasville, Charlotte, Forest City, Asheville, Waynesville—each site is a base of operations from which families in need can secure assistance. Furthermore, the staff is prepared to call on the additional resources of religious, educational, medical, psychological, recreational, and social service personnel in the communities to help persons grow to their full potential.

No greater investment can be made in the future of God's Kingdom or in the future of America than to invest in children. Your support of missions through the Cooperative Program is the lifeline of the Baptist Children's Homes. Your special gift at Thanksgiving further guarantees the continuance of Christian child care. The staff and children of the Baptist Children's Homes pledge ourselves to make the most of the opportunity your investment provides.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. L. P. Frans

Your North Carolina Baptist Homes have just completed 25 years of growth and development. These have been good years, filled with the abundant blessings and goodness /of the Lord. He has brought us from one Home, in March of 1951, to five Homes and an excellent Nursing Facility, from one resident to 230 residents and patients. Hundreds have been ministered to during these years.

The past year has been of special excitement and enthusiasm as we entered into the Fund-Raising Effort to raise \$1,000,000 for the construction of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville. In 1975, Brother Ralph Cannon was called to serve as Director of Development and Denominational Relations and has been leading the fund raising program for the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in a remarkable way. He reports that the response from our Baptist pastors and people in Western North Carolina has been most encouraging, and that there is every indication that we will reach the goal.

When completed, the Western North Carolina Home in Asheville will accomodate 50 people, and will bring the total capacity of our Baptist Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 280. We now operate five other homes and a Nursing Care Unit—Resthaven, Hayes Home, the Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem, Albemarle Home, Hamilton Home, and Yanceyville Home.

In these Homes the best of care is given, the compassion and love of Christ shared and underscored. The love gifts of North Carolina Baptists make this Christian care and concern possible through two very vital sources—The Cooperative Program and the Special Offering for the Homes, received on the third Sunday of February each year. Through these sources more than 35% of the Homes' total income is provided, and the majority of the residents who cannot pay the full cost of care are supplemented. Gifts this year are greater than ever before; however, if we are to meet the overwhelming needs of older people in our midst, we must double and triple our efforts, both in numbers ministered to, and in support of them.

Close at hand is another venture in the development of the Homes about which we're excited—the building of apartments on the site of the Hayes Home property in Winston-Salem. The first of these units is to be completed by the fall of 1977. Those interested in this phase of the ministry of Baptist Homes may contact Bill Poole, the Executive Director of the homes, for information.

Mr. Poole asks for our continued earnest prayer and support of every North Carolina Baptist as we move ahead in this challenging ministry to older people in our midst.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Rev. Aubrey D. Folk

"Christian stewardship" is a phrase frequently heard in staff meetings at Baptist Hospital. The hospital's leadership holds to a philosophy of administration based on stewardship and tries to pass this on to all employees. A continuing effort is made to help each employee, whatever his particular job, to realize that he is part of a team involved in a Christian ministry of healing. The difference this makes in the whole atmosphere of the hospital is evident to patients and visitors.

This sense of stewardship demands a continual updating of medical procedures to assure patients the highest quality care. One of the most significant recent developments is the creation of a department of Family Medicine. This department provides primary health care for a limited number of families, that is, the kind of all-round, ongoing health care normally provided by a family physician. At the same time the department offers training in family medicine for physicians who will enter this field of practice. This will help to balance the trend of recent years toward increased specialization in the practice of medicine.

Many of the physicians training in family medicine are receiving part of their clinical experience in small towns and rural communities under the auspices of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), created by the State legislature. It is believed and hoped that some of them will choose to remain in these areas for their permanent practice.

Improvement of physical facilities is another expression of the hospital's sense of stewardship. In recent months renovation of the west and south wings of the hospital has been completed, construction has been completed on an addition to the water-chilling facilities; construction has begun on a 4-level parking deck in front of Reynolds Tower which will provide

approximately 800 parking spaces for visitors; and construction has begun on a new building to house the new department of Family Medicine.

The Pastoral Care Department continues to make its contributions toward the fulfillment of our stewardship. A chaplain is assigned to each area of the hospital and is responsible for providing a pastoral ministry to patients, staff and visitors in that area. There are capacity enrollments in all phases of the Clinical Pastoral Education programs. A third satellite has opened in Morganton during the past year.

Mother's Day gifts for the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$405,946.52, compared to a total of \$390,000.00 for the preceeding fiscal year.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

B. J. Abernethy

It has been a real joy for me to work with our Baptist men in the Association this year. This has been a year of learning for me. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Ed Bullock, our State Director, Mr. Donald Greene, Region 8 Director, and above all the Pastors, church directors and Baptist Men in the Association.

I learned that most of our churches do have active Brotherhoods and that many of them are doing a good layman's work. Some are meeting monthly, having a Layman's Day in their church, are active with the youth, and have fellowship meals together from time to time. Now, our goal is to be praying daily that each church member will become active in their own church so that Souls can be won to our Lord through the labors of the Baptist Men.

Let me say to the Pastors that your cooperation has been a blessing to the men, and if you and your director should need your Association Director for a short program at your regular or special meeting, feel free to call me. This type meeting has proved very helpful this year in the few churches I have visited, both to me and I hope to the men. It is my sincere belief that God is using laymen today as never before in winning men and women, boys and girls to Christ, because you see, the Pastors just cannot do it all in this sin-filled world we live in. So let us say with the Apostle Paul at the end of next year, "We have fought a good fight" and hope to win the battle.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. J. Harold Craig

Emphasis was given to both music and missions education in the Central Training School held February 16-18, 1976 at Viewmont Baptist Church. The faculty was composed mainly of staff members from the Music, WMU and Brotherhood Departments of the Baptist State Convention. Missions classes were well attended, but unfortunately, several of the music leadership classes were small, with one being cancelled because of lack of participation. Overall, the committee felt that it was a successful school. There was an enrolment of 509 and an average attendance of 370.

The Central Training School Committee is presently working with the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention to provide a Teaching-Learning Workshop on February 21-23, 1977. Also, in the planning stage is a World Missions Conference for February 12-16, 1978. Approximately 20 Foreign, Home and State Missionaries will be in our area to speak in the churches on the beginning Sunday and to participate in the evening sessions as we meet together.

The committee would like to thank the churches for their cooperation in the past and encourage your continued support as we seek to plan leadership training opportunities that will be of value to our local workers.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Albert A. Young

In the BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, the following statement appears: "The cause of education in the kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is

necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people".

The real purpose behind the organization of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was for the purpose of establishing a Baptist college. In 1830, when the convention was organized, there were two academies already in existence, as well as the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. However, Baptists wanted their own school. Wake Forest Institute was begun in 1834. Five years later, the Institute became Wake Forest College. Therefore, Baptists in North Carolina have been closely identified with Christian high education for 142 years.

In addition to Wake Forest University, North Carolina Baptists now have Campbell, Chowan, Gardner Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith and Wingate Colleges.

There is great need for colleges and churches to work together in a sense of mutual dependence and support.

North Carolina Baptists must support their colleges through the Cooperative Program and any other method that seems wise to the church. North Carolina Baptists must also realize the fact and do something about it that percentage wise we give very little to the total support of our colleges.

We must encourage our young people to attend Baptist Colleges in our state.

The Baptist colleges in North Carolina do a superb job in training pastors and other staff personnel, also in installing Christian values in our young people in the search for truth as we know it in Jesus Christ.

Our colleges offer great opportunity as well as responsibility.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold L. Threll

The emphasis of the Christian Life Council of the Baptist State Convention has been twofold: citizenship and family relationships.

In January a bicentennial packet was mailed to every North Carolina Baptist pastor. In addition, a number of sermons and conferences have dealt with Christian Citizenship. Six tracts on citizenship were written and printed and are available for local church use.

A major concern for the Christian home has prompted the Council to distribute over 150,000 pieces of literature relative to the family. Over a hundred sermons on the home were preached and a number of conferences were conducted.

A Workshop for Youth Ministers was co-sponsored with the Youth Ministries Section.

A single Adult Conference is scheduled for October 29-31 in Charlotte.

One of the most exciting developments is the creation of the Department of Christian Family Life. W. Douglas Cole will head this Department which will be a part of the Christian Life Council.

The Christian Life Council's reason for existence centers on the concept of helping those who call Him, "Lord, Lord" to know and do His commandments.

Your Associational Christian Life Committee has prepared resolutions for presentation at our annual meeting, which are designed to involve the members of all churches in effective methods of combating the forces that are endeavoring to undermine and destroy the spiritual and moral fiber of our beloved nation.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. V. C. Martin

The Old Testament prophet, Hosea, declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge", Hosea 4:6. North Carolina Baptists have no excuse for lack of knowledge, if we lack knowledge it's because we fail to read the literature Southern Baptists print for us. The printed page has much power, printed material can go where the spoken word cannot be heard. Of course, the Bible, the Word of God, comes first, then comes other helpful literature such as the BIBLICAL RECORDER which has been in Baptist homes for almost 143 years. It is important that every church provide the BIBLICAL RECORDER for each family in the church. Baptists have the finest array of literature of any group of people, much of which we do not have space to mention. Our HOME LIFE magazine is a special guide to daily family devotion. Our Sunday School and Church Training literature serves in a wonderful way to train our people for greater work in His Kingdom.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Mrs. Smoot Baker

"To God be the glory, great things He has done." This is a particularly true in the area of Church Training in our Association for the past year. Several things have been done which show an increased interest on the part of people and churches in this phase of our work.

November 24, 1975 "M" Night was conducted at Springs Road Church with 21 churches represented—16 pastors and 13 directors—a total of 331 present. In addition to an inspirational speaker, strong Church Training emphases were made.

May 1, 1976 Associational Youth conducted "Super Six", singing "We Pledge Allegiance" five times at Catawba Mall in the afternoon and having a rally at West Hickory Church in the evening.

May 25, 1976 Church Training sponsored a "Bicentennial Celebration" at Highland Church. A count was not taken by churches, but approximately 250 were present to remember our past as a denomination and to accept the challenge of our future. The Associational Children's Memory Drill was conducted at this time with seven participants from Claremont Church, who then represented our Association at the State Assembly at Caswell. This meeting was outstanding in purpose and inspiration.

July 31, 1976 the Youth group was again invited to sing at the Mall, and many favorable comments arose concerning their performances each time.

The sad part of this report is that 9 churches in our Association are not offering their people the opportunity to become all they could and should—there is no organization for training in these churches. TO BE is to stay where we are—TO BECOME is to grow Godward through training.

Deep appreciation is due each officer of the Association for their fine work and cooperation. As we begin a new year, please remember us in your prayers, support us in the work, promote attendance from your churches at the meetings, be present yourselves when possible, and call on us if we can serve you—this organization exists solely to help the local church.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bob H. Hillard

This committee has had no activities to be cared for during this year.

REPORT OF EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. H. Phillip King

The Associational Evangelistic Thrust of Theron Rankin was pin-pointed in the November 1975 Jack Taylor—Bertha Smith Bible Conference. The music was led by Rev. David O. Byler and many of our pastors participated in the conferences. Many good ideas and experiences were had.

During the year a number of our churches sent Youth groups to the Caswell Assembly for the Youth Emphasis. 12,000 youth, pastors and adult leaders attended the Sixth Statewide Youth Evangelism Night on August 13th at the Greensboro Colliseum. A number of our churches were represented.

The annual State Evangelism Conference was held in Asheville last February. Several pastors and lay people were presented from Theron Rankin Association.

The Bold Mission Thrust will be a major emphasis among Baptists within the next two years. To complement that emphasis several crusades in East Catawba, East Burke and the Hickory area are in the planning stages.

October 9-12, 1977 is a projected date for an associational-wide Bible Conference with several possibilities. One of the anticipated personalities is Miss Joe Anne Shelton in concert. Final plans and dates will be forth-coming within the next six months. The Evangelism Committee would welcome any suggestions and help.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four regular sessions and one called session this year with average attendance of 26 from 26 churches. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. Moderator, Homer Bradey, presided over four sessions and Vice-Moderator, Walter Cooley presided over the February session.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

- voted to grant Calvary Church, Hickory their request to withdraw from the Association.
- approved the time schedule for the 1976 annual session;
- endorsed several committee reports to be presented to the annual session;
- voted to grant funds for Miss Cater to participate in the WMU Bicentennial Tour to Glorieta in July;
- requested the Extension Committee and their Sub-committee to seek property for possible Church Extension in an area South of Hickory (not less than 6 acres) and come back to us with the findings. At a called meeting on September 21, we voted to recommend to the annual session that we purchase as outlined by this committee and instructed the Extension and Sub-committee to present a plan to the association by which each church can participate in the purchase of this property.
- ordered placed in our Minutes, the Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation (5/31/76) in which funds from the Will of Miss Myra Alice Yount and the designated funds in the Foundation were placed in a Certificate. Only the dividends from this Certificate will be used for Scholarships using the guidelines set up by the association for this purpose.

MINUTES: "The Board of Directors of the Association Scholarship Foundation met at 1:00 p. m. on May 31, 1976 at the First Baptist Church, Hickory. Present were: George Hemphill, Earl Roberts, C. Van Teague, and Ex Officio members, Rev. Homer Bradey and Miss Helen Cater.

A review was made of the Foundation guidelines. A report on contributions and Interest on deposit was made. It was noted that approximately \$5,000.00 was on deposit at First Savings & Loan Association with \$4,311.74 being contributions and the remainder dividends.

Announcement was made that we had received a bequest from the estate of Miss Myra Alice Yount, amount \$7,466.07. Miss Yount was a member of the Viewmont Baptist Church.

Miss Cater had an interpretation of the Will made by Attorney Murray Tate on May 26. He feels it was her intent that this bequest be placed in the Scholarship Foundation (she had shown an interest in our Scholarship Fund and had asked Miss Cater for a copy of the Brochure a few years ago) and it was also Mr. Tate's legal opinion that the reference to "Catawba County" made in her Will refers only to Lenoir-Rhyne College.

A motion was made by Earl Roberts, seconded Van Teague, voted and carried, that we place \$12,000.00 on deposit in a Certificate at First Savings & Loan Association at 7 1/2% Interest on 4 year demand.

Miss Cater was instructed to use the check from the Estate and take the balance from our savings to bring this up to \$12,000.00, leaving the balance, amount \$545.80, in the 90 day demand account there at 5 3/4% Interest.

George F. Hemphill, Chairman; Miss Helen Cater, Secretary.

The Savings Certificate was purchased as instructed above on May 31, 1976.

Complete copies of the Executive Committee MINUTES are on file at the Association office. Also, copies of the THERON RANKIN NEWS which is mailed each month to the leadership of the churches and convention are also on file there.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin A. Walker

The consensus of the Extension Committee is that we set up a mission south of Hickory to serve the expected growth along the rerouted highway No. 321. A sub-committee of business men, Bruce Teague, Larry Penley, C. W. Broome and Don Wilson, were appointed with our moderator, Homer Bradey, as chairman. They were to find a suitable site in this area to buy before an expected hike in price. Almost none of these citizens were willing to sell, obviously hoping for better sales. Your committee dreams of an ideal mission for this future community, expertly planned and operated by a church, one that believes in a planned church parenthood.

The committee found three acres beautifully situated and in a section suggested by E. C. Upchurch of our State Convention. It belongs to Gerald Yoder and he will sell it for \$6,000 an acre. The Executive Committee then requested a site of no less than six acres. Norman James of Hickory learning of our desire, voluntarily made three adjoining acres available at the same price. He also offered another acre as a gift and on it is an unused house worthy of repairs. We have been told that one acre nearby sold for \$10,000.

The Executive Committee in a special session recommended the purchase of these two tracts, and asked the Extension Committee to suggest a procedure for financing the purchase. The suggestion is that we borrow \$7,220 from invested savings of the association until we can be paid back by solicitations made by a special committee composed of C. W. Broome, chairman, W. J. Furr and Bruce Teague. Annual payments would be made in the future of \$2,556 plus interest to Mr. Yoder for five years, and \$1,600 plus interest to Mr. James for ten years. This money would be raised by special gifts from each church with a suggested goal from the Broome Committee. Perchance it becomes necessary, a temporary loan could be made again from our invested savings. We will need as soon as possible \$5,220 as down payment to Mr. Yoder which is the usual minimum of twenty-nine per cent. The down payment of \$2,000 to Mr. James is entirely satisfactory to him. Mr. Yoder will expect nine per cent interest, Mr. James eight per cent interest.

At present the population of this area does not urgently require an active mission. As the community grows it is hoped that one of our able, and of course mission-minded, churches will agree to launch a model mission program using this site as location.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Rose W. Wolff

It was very refreshing, as well as interesting, to read recently that the China Baptist Convention is sending a missionary couple to Korea this year. This prompted me to do a bit of research; and I found these very challenging facts.

Our Foreign Mission Board's overall objective for the next 25 years is "preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ TO EVERY PERSON in the world". As voted on by the Southern Baptist Convention in June, this would mean that by the year 2000: our MISSIONARIES would increase from 2,677 to more than 5000; the number of COUNTRIES where missionaries serve would go from 82 to 125; volunteer LAY INVOLVEMENT would move from 3,000 to 10,000 per year.

94 missionary journeymen were commissioned in Richmond in July. This group is the largest since the program started in 1965. We have a total of 802 serving in 36 countries.

It is encouraging to read that our Baptist work in Spain will not be hampered. King Carlos I has informed the Dean of our Seminary "If you have any problems at all in regard to religious freedom in your Baptist work, do not hesitate to come directly to me". It is interesting to note that Her Majesty Queen Sophia was one of Dean Borrás' students in an eight weeks seminar ON WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE. This is answered prayer in a very positive way. Answered prayer all too often goes unreported.

Now! What about Theron Rankin Association Baptists and Foreign Missions? Our churches make the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions a time for study, prayer and giving. This is as it should be, but we must also encourage and help in other ways, our YOUTH to respond to the call of missions. God does the calling and Youth does the responding, but Spirit-filled leaders and parents can be ready, when needed, to open doors.

What a challenge! Will you be a part of it?

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. Larna Robbins

The twentieth annual session of the Theron Rankin Association was held on October 23-24 at MOUNTAIN GROVE and CENTRAL churches respectively with 114 messengers and 113 visitors represented on the first day. The year got off to a good start with Celebration Sunday being observed by most of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention on November 2. Our Associational goal was 7,923. "Key to Evangelism" Conference was held on November 4-7 at FIRST CHURCH, HICKORY with 500 plus in attendance each evening. Guest speakers were Rev. Jack Taylor of San Antonio, Texas and Miss Bertha Smith, a former missionary to China. "M" Night was held on November 24 at SPRINGS ROAD with Rev. George Cowser, missionary to Brazil, as guest speaker.

HIGHLAND, Rev. Charles H. High, Pastor, started a radio ministry on Sunday mornings, WIRC & WXRC from 8:10-8:30 a. m. Rev. Charles Lanier is the new pastor of CATAWBA replacing Rev. Kenneth Page who had resigned. Mrs. Sidney Tanner is now Director of the Child Care Center at PENELOPE; and Mrs. Lynn Hayes is Director of the Child Care Center at WEST HICKORY. Mrs. Pat Herrell has resigned as Director of the Child Development Center at FIRST, HICKORY and Mrs. Dave Campbell is serving as Interim Director.

CORINTH has called as their new pastor, Rev. R. J. Pressley, formerly of Union Association. Dr. Smoot Baker retired from the pastorate at TEMPLE and the church has called Rev. Garland Early formerly of Second Church, Mt. Holly. David Arndt began in February as Director of Music at TEMPLE.

FAIRGROVE licensed Jack Warren to the Gospel Ministry. He is a student at Fruitland Bible Institute. CALVARY, HICKORY Rev. Bert Dixon pastor, has voted to withdraw from the Association. PROVIDENCE, Rev. Ben Hall, pastor, has started a monthly news-letter. NORTH NEWTON, Rev. Bob Hillard pastor, has purchased a new Saville organ, airconditioned all educational units, and put the BIBLICAL RECORDER in the budget.

The Central Training School held February 16-18 at VIEWMONT was a tremendous success. Rev. John Dean, Associate Pastor of HIGHLAND, resigned to accept a call to the Victoria Baptist Church in Virginia in April. Rev. Julian S. Suggs, Minister of Music and Youth at HIGHLAND resigned and has entered Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and is serving at Harrodsburg Church in Kentucky. Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor of WOODLAWN, went on a preaching mission this year to Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. ICARD, Rev. Harvey Laughter, pastor, voted to change their name to FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ICARD, and on July 4 they broke ground for their new Christian Life Center.

Two Bicentennial events were held this year, "Super Six Celebration" on May 1 at WEST HICKORY, and a Bicentennial Rally for adults at HIGHLAND on May 25th with Mrs. Smoot Baker in charge. Guest speaker for the event was Rev. Coy Privette, president of the Baptist State Convention. FIRST CHURCH, HICKORY has called Rev. Walter Coleman as Associate pastor with Educational responsibilities. Rev. Gerald Alley has resigned as pastor of SWEET-WATER on disability retirement. VIEWMONT has called Rev. Billy H. Emmett as Associate pastor in Education. Rev. John Bowen has come to PENELOPE as associate pastor and in charge of activities and youth.

Mrs. J. Bruce Walker of CENTRAL has been elected to serve as WMU Director for the 76-77 year. Miss Helen Cater attended the Bicentennial tour to Glorieta on July 2-18. VIEWMONT and Highland are in the "Together We Build" program in preparation for constructing more educational space. HIGHLAND has ground breaking on July 29.

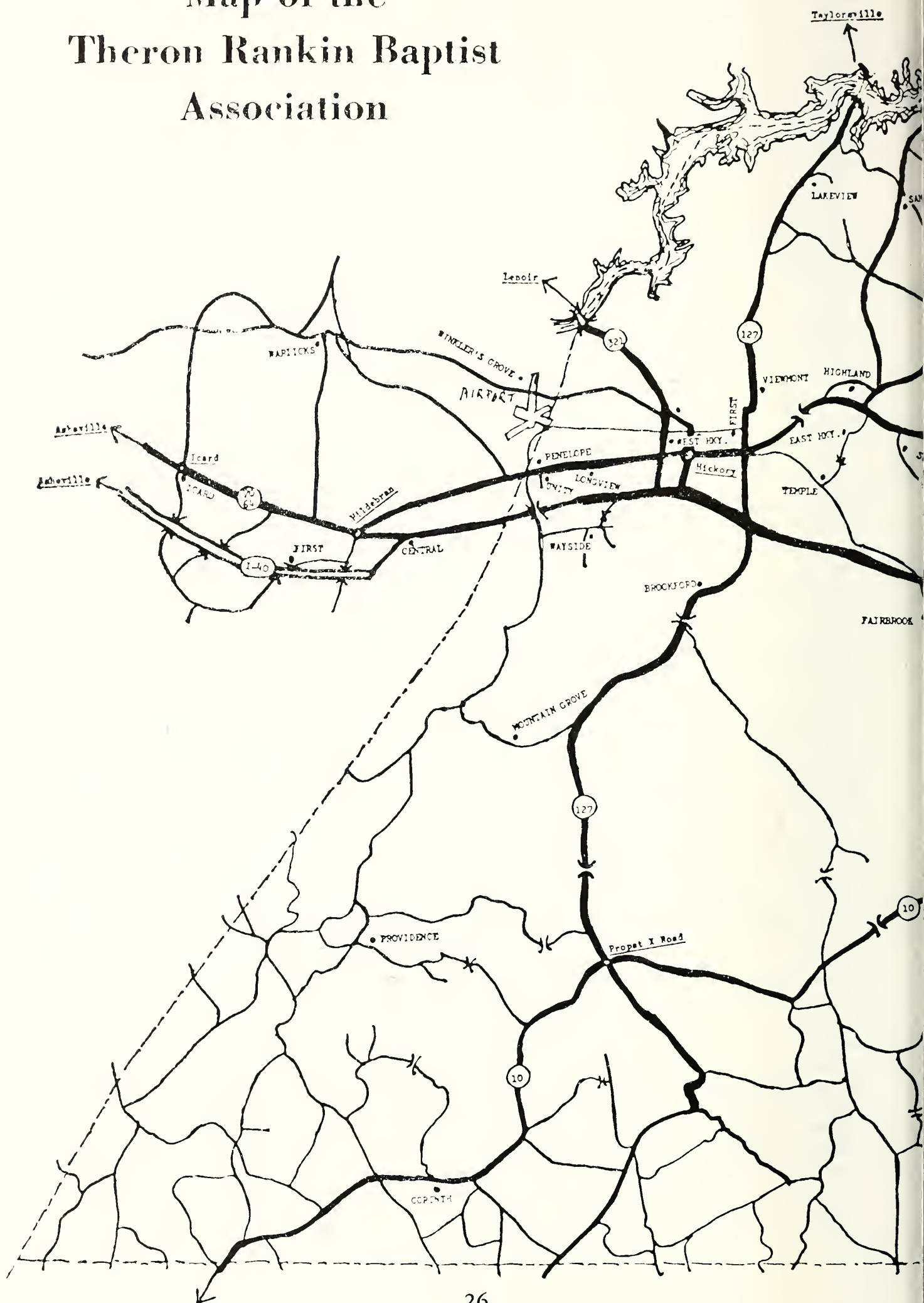
The Associational Youth Choir sang the musical, "We Pledge Allegiance" at the Catawba Mall on May 1 with Charles Gatwood, Associate, State /Church Music Department, directing and on July 31 with Edgar Lineberger of WEST HICKORY directing. Paul McManus, WOODLAWN, coordinated these events. The Associational WMU Clinic for officers was held on Sept. 13 at FIRST, NEWTON. Several churches participated in a drive this year to build a new Western North Carolina Baptist Home for Aging in Asheville. Pastor Appreciation Day was observed in August with the following churches participating: CENTRAL, Rev. Bruce Walker, fourth anniversary, CORINTH, Rev. R. J. Pressley, first anniversary, and ICARD, FIRST, Rev. Harvey Laughter, seventh anniversary. A Music Methods and Materials Clinic was held at FIRST, HICKORY, September 30 and October 1.

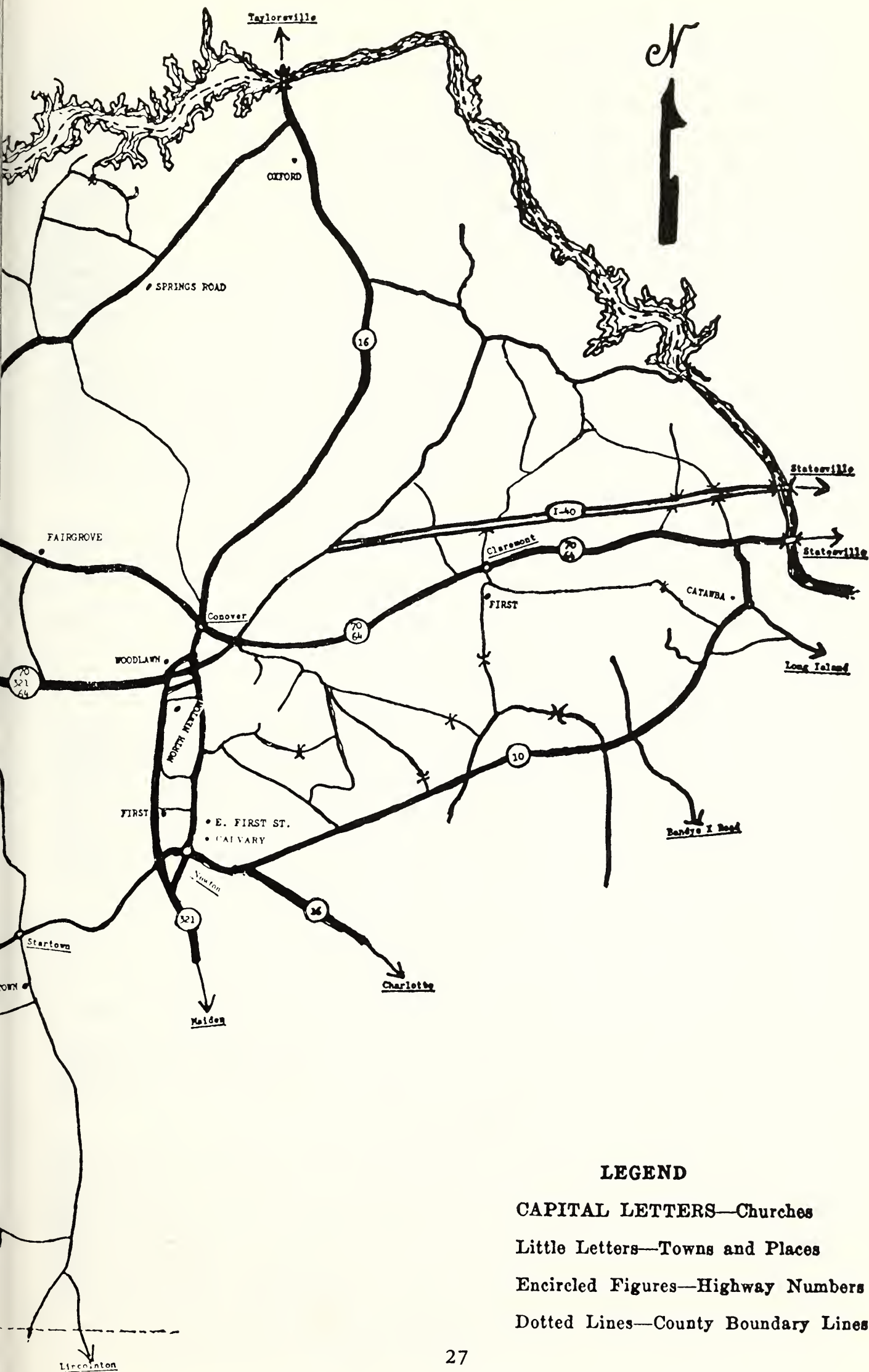
In a called session of the Association Executive Committee on September 21 to consider purchasing property South of Hickory for a possible future church site, a unanimous vote was adopted that we recommend to the Annual Session that we purchase this property.

The Lenoir-Rhyne Baptist Student Union had a good start with Welcome Kits distributed to all students and a concert by George Gagliardi, a Christian folk singer. Tim Deaton is president of the BSU at Lenoir-Rhyne this year.

The 1977 Central Training School is slated for February 21-23 at FIRST, HICKORY. A World Missions Conference will be held February 21-23, 1978. CENTRAL held dedication services for their new sanctuary. EAST FIRST STREET, Newton observed their 25th anniversary. MOUNTAIN GROVE burned a church note on their indebtedness. NEWTON, FIRST purchased a lot for a parsonage.

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. Bernard Bock

During 1976 members of Baptist churches in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association joined other Baptists in a "Bold Mission Thrust" in our homeland. This emphasis is in keeping with the denomination's 1977-79 theme, "Sharing Christ in Bold Mission in the Secular Society." Direct objectives of the "Bold Mission Thrust" are to "Let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ," and to "Let every person in our land have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers."

Realizing that many unchurched people live within the territory covered by the Theron Rankin Association, the members of the churches in the association accepted the challenge for local missions in a number of ways. Many churches held training programs for members in personal evangelism and carried out extensive evangelistic effort. All church members joined in the Home Missions endeavor by giving offerings to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Cooperative Program. Both of these offerings showed marked increases in amounts given over prior years. Other activities and programs endorsed locally were Disaster Relief, improved relationships with Black churches through shared activities, Interfaith Awareness, and many missions Bible schools held both in the association and in other areas.

A highlight for missions emphasis was the annual Theron Rankin Training School. Classes included information and inspiration for missions support at every age level. Missions were the themes for study, message, and songs.

Being a Southern Baptist living in our world today carries with it a great deal of responsibility as well as many opportunities. May our lives be so filled with the love of Jesus Christ that we make home missions our major emphasis as Christians in the Theron Rankin Association.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dr. William J. Furr

During the 1975-76 associational year the Membership Committee of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association has been called upon to act upon one request: that the Calvary Baptist Church, 18th Street Place and 3rd Avenue, SW, Hickory, be dropped from our membership. The church voted in conference on October 8, 1975 to take this action and requested that the association comply with its desires. With regrets that the union must be terminated, the Association—at its Executive Committee meeting on November 18, 1975—voted to remove the name of the Calvary Baptist Church of Hickory from its roll and forwarded a copy of its action to the church and to me to present for final resolution at our next annual associational meeting in October, 1976.

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Rev. David O. Byler

During the year 1975-76, the music department had a good active year in which there were quite a few activities for many of our people.

Due to a conflict, our annual Choir Conference and dinner had to be cancelled. In February, the Central Training School sponsored a Music and Missions study at the Viewmont Church. Many of our people took advantage of this good week of study. At this time we had Southwide, State and local leaders participating.

Early in the spring, May 1, 1976, our music and youth division cooperated in presenting a Musical at the Catawba Mall. The Musical, "We Pledge Allegiance", a patriotic history of the National Anthem, was sung six times in one afternoon to many people passing through the mall. Many of our youth from our association participated. Mr. Charles Gatwood, Associate Secretary of our State Music Department, directed this program for us. The Manager of the Mall asked our youth choirs to give the same program for the eighth anniversary of the Catawba Mall. It was sung six times that afternoon. Mr. Edga Lineberger, Minister of Music at West Hickory, directed the group for this presentation. On Sunday Night, August 15, the combined choirs (youth and adult) of three churches presented the Musical, "In God We Trust" and "We Pledge Allegiance" to an appreciative audience at First Baptist Church, Hickory. Penelope, West Hickory, and First Hickory Churches participated in this presentation.

On September 30 and October 1, an area wide Music Clinic was held at the First Church, Hickory. This Clinic was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist Convention Music Departments. New methods and materials for all age groups were presented.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gary A. Whitener

Clerk.....	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer.....	Frelon W. Broome
Historian.....	Mrs. Larna Robbins
Parliamentarian.....	James E. Brill
Trustees.....	Harold E. Deal, Chairman, Term expiring 1977 C. Van Teague, Term expiring 1978 William E. Burton, Jr., Term expiring 1979
Sunday School Director.....	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
Church Training Director.....	Mrs. Smoot Baker
Baptist Men's Director.....	B. J. Albernethy
Woman's Missionary Union Director.....	Mrs. J. Bruce Walker
Music Director.....	Charles R. Brown

STANDING COMMITTEES

- PROGRAM: Rev. Charles High, Chairman, Rev. Ben Hall, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Charles R. Brown, plus the host pastors for the 1977 session
- MEMBERSHIP: Rev. Harold Threall, Chairman, M. J. Upchurch, Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Rev. J. Max Smith, Rev. R. J. Pressley
- RESOLUTIONS: J. Perry Abernethy, Chairman, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. J. Harold Craig, Rev. Matt L. Hastings, Mrs. Richard Fisher
- CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Rev. Bob H. Hillard, Chairman, E. Murray Tate, Jr., Rev. Bobby Langston
- EXTENSION: Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Chairman, Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., Rev. Homer Greene, Martin Frank, Lloyd D. Pittman
- FINANCE: Wayne McDowell, Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Furr, Rev. Joe Coltrane, Mrs. James R. Glenn, Ernest Cline, Leon Carter, Frelon W. Broome, Ex Officio
- PLACE & PREACHER: Rev. Wray G. Barrett, Chairman, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Mrs. J. Jeneil Stewart, Joe Walkins
- CHRISTIAN LIFE: Dr. William J. Furr, Chairman, Gary Whitener, Rev. Harvey Laughler, Bobbyce Dobbins, R. D. Buie
- ORDINATION: Rev. Fred Thompson, Chairman, Rev. Homer Bradey, Donald E. Greene, Rev. Aubrey Folk, Rev. David O. Byler
- PUBLICITY: Frank Poovey, Chairman, Mrs. Mack Drum, John F. Deal
- EVANGELISM: Rev. H. Phillip King, Chairman, Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Rev. Roy Beals
- ENROLLMENT: V. H. Whiter, Chairman, Plus three associates from each Host Church
- ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Rev. Waller Cooley, Chairman, Mrs. Ted Phyne, Mrs. Gary Whitener, Rev. I. D. Phillips, Rev. V. C. Martin
- CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Rev. J. Harold Craig, Director, Plus the head of each Program organization or their representative
- SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chairman, Earl Roberts, Dan Waters
- NOMINATING: (to be named by respective organizations)

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society.....	Dr. Smoot Baker
Annuity Board.....	Edgar Lineberger
Baptist Hospital.....	Rev. Albert A. Young
Children's Homes.....	Paul S. Kennedy
Christian Education.....	Rev. J. Garland Early
Christian Literature.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittain
Homes For Aging.....	Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill

Foreign Missions.....	Rev. Richard Fisher
Home Missions.....	Mrs. Ben Hall
State Missions.....	Mrs. Larry Penley

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Coolery

The Ordaining Council, made up of Pastors and Deacons of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, convened December 28, 1975 at the Central Baptist Church to examine Eddie Johnson for the Gospel ministry.

The Ordaining Council, having found the candidate fit for the Gospel ministry, unanimously approved that the Central Baptist Church proceed with the ordination. The ordination took place January 18, 1976. The principal speakers were Pastor Bruce Walker and former Pastor Gerald Goodwin.

We are pleased to further report that Brother Eddie Johnson is now serving as Associate Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Morganton, North Carolina.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Rev. Richard Fisher

The Place and Preacher Committee have received invitations for the Association to meel in 1977 from the following churches: Icard, First Baptist Church—1st day; Startown, First Baptist Church—2nd day. Therefore the committee recommends for consideration that we accept these two invitations.

We further recommend the Reverend J. Bruce Walker, Central Baptist Church, Hickory to preach the annual sermon with the Reverend Bob H. Hollard, North Newton Baptist Church, Newton, as allernate.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Theron Rankin Baptist Association has enjoyed the warm hospitality of the host churches, and the inspiration of the various speakers during the twenty-first annual session meeting October 21 and 22, 1976,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that deep and sincere appreciation be expressed to the members of Calawba Baptist Church for their sincere hospitality extended to us in the use of their facilities and the preparation and provision of a delightful dinner. We further express appreciation for the hospitality and provisions extended to us by members of First Baptist Church, Hildebran. Both of these churches have gone to an extra effort to provide for our needs. We are grateful for the services rendered by these two churches. The pastors, Rev. Charles Lanier and Dr. Ben A. Byrd, are to be commended for leading these two churches in doing such a fine job providing for the needs of this annual session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that gratitude be expressed to speakers for their inspirational, informative and challenging reports and messages, and especially Dr. Forrest Freezor for leading us in worship and the response of people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of gratitude be extended to Paul McManus, Minister of Music, Education and Youth, Woodlawn Baptist Church; Charles R. Brown, Minister of Music and Youth, Viewmont Baptist Church; Rev. David O. Byler, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Hickory; Miss Carole Byrd, Student, School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, First Baptist Church, Hildebran; for an excellent performance and message in music. We, also, express appreciation for the excellent performance of East Burke High School Chorus and their director, Mr. Jim Williams. We further express appreciation to the group from Wingate College for their excellent performance in music. The music for the entire session has been well planned, prepared and presented, for which we are grateful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that grateful acknowledgement and heartfelt gratitude be expressed to the Moderator, Rev. Homer Bradey; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Walter Cooley; 1976 Program Committee and Chairman, Bruce Walker; Promotional Secretary and Clerk, Miss Helen Cater, and all other officers of the Association for their untiring efficient preparation and ex-

ecution of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Theron Rankin Association in its annual meeting, Friday, October 22, 1976, express to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig, our sincere appreciation for their years of faithful, competent and strengthening ministry in this association; that we assure them by letter, of the association's deep respect for their Christian lives and daily prayers for God's unfailing grace in this difficult time in their lives.

Mrs. Harold Threatt, Chairman
Rev. I. D. Phillips
Sidney Tanner
Mrs. Aubrey D. Folk
Rev. Ronald Kiser

THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
George F. Hemphill

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in Hickory:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1975	\$4,347.85
Deposits added this year	650.00
Bequest from Miss Myra E. Yount Estate	7,466.07
Dividends added this year	495.17
Total on deposit in the two accounts	<u>\$12,959.09</u>

These funds are divided as follows:

Savings Certificate (4 year demand)	\$12,347.49
Account at 5 3/4% Interest (90 day demand)	611.60

These funds are designated as follows:

Permanent principal	\$11,927.81
Total Interest accumulated	\$1,031.28

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS
Mrs. Sidney Tanner

State Missions is often looked at as "that other mission emphasis" in too many minds across the Southern Baptist Convention, and our North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The fact of the previous statement is underlined by both the emphasis, or lack of emphasis, most churches put on the State Missions project of their church and by the amounts given. All the efforts to rationalize away the need for strong, vital, vigorous support of our State Missions work is quickly extinguished by the needs of people in the state of North Carolina.

State Missions reached into the local church, strengthening its organizations of Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Music, etc. Workshops, seminars and conferences are conducted throughout the year to help churches realize their mission potential and develop and strengthen local programs.

State Missions reaches out beyond the four walls of a church building into areas of witness otherwise untouched or unrecognized by the local congregation. By so doing, State Missions helps the churches reach out in a witness otherwise limited to them and their resources. Programs in resort missions, deaf ministries, chaplaincy ministries, city and metropolitan missions, church loans, Seminary extension, migrant missions, ministries to exceptional persons, and others are sponsored and executed by our State Missions work.

State Missions is a cooperative effort. As such, all local churches and associations must unite in a heartfelt and enthusiastic support of the total State Mission effort.

State Missions in North Carolina is supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Missions offering in September. Let us all do our part.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Raleigh Castelloe

Within the past year the age-group workers of the Sunday School have enjoyed several opportunities to assist individual churches of the association with clinics, conferences and workshops as these churches have sought to improve their Bible Teaching programs. We would be happy to have more churches request the assistance of these skilled workers.

On May 6, 1976, the Vacation Bible School Clinic was held at the First Church, Hickory. The clinic was led by the VBS Director, Sidney Tanner, and a corps of workers who had been trained in the State VBS Clinic at Wingate College. 177 workers from 25 churches were trained in the associational clinic. The work of Mr. Tanner and his colleagues in conducting the clinic and promoting Vacation Bible Schools in our association is highly appreciated. Their efforts were also very successful, resulting in Vacation Bible Schools in all our churches in 1976.

The Sunday School now has trained workers for some special emphases. Miss Helen Cater is available for help in Sunday School preparation; Harold Craig can assist in long-range planning; and Raleigh Castelloe is available for help with ACTION: A Reach Out Enrollment Plan for Sunday School. These workers will be happy to work with any church requesting their assistance.

On February 21-23, 1977, the associational Sunday School will join the Central Training School Committee in sponsoring and promoting a Teaching-Learning Clinic led by workers from the state convention and the Sunday School Board. All Sunday School workers and members are encouraged to include this event in their calendars.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frelon Broome, Treas.; Rev. J. Max Smith, Chmn.

	BUDGET GOAL THIS YEAR	AMOUNT RECEIVED 10-1-75—9-30-76	BUDGET GOAL 1976-77
Brookford	\$ 145.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 144.00
Calvary, Hickory	220.00	56.00	
Calvary, Newton	340.00	360.00*	366.00
Calawba	241.00	241.00*	250.00
Central	546.00	300.00	506.00
Claremont, First	211.00	80.00	181.00
Corinth	313.00	323.00*	316.00
East First St., Newton	376.00	360.00	375.00
East Hickory	567.00	600.00*	606.00
Fairbrook	158.00	158.00*	173.00
Fairgrove	188.00	125.00	206.00
Hickory, First	2,320.00	2,453.25*	2,411.00
Highland	1,458.00	1,200.00	1,508.00
Hildebran, First	645.00	576.00	727.00
Icard, First	517.00	415.00	501.00
Lakeview	478.00	476.75*	469.00
Longview	240.00	264.00*	162.00
Mountain Grove	505.00	440.00	571.00
Newton, First	884.00	883.92*	922.00
North Newton	662.00	596.25	628.00
Oxford	211.00	211.00*	241.00
Penelope	1,322.00	350.00	1,313.00
Providence	227.00	227.00*	213.00
Sandy Ridge	560.00	560.00*	514.00
Springs Road	653.00	570.00	592.00
Startown, First	175.00	226.00*	209.00
Sweetwater	174.00	174.00*	180.00
Temple	469.00	379.77	455.00
Unity	179.00		192.00
Viewmont	1,341.00	1,241.19	1,361.00

Warlick's	287.00	287.00	298.00
Wayside	72.00	15.00	70.00
West Hickory	971.00	1,000.27*	992.00
Winkler's Grove	580.00	250.00	702.00
Woodlawn	788.00	682.60	843.00
TOTALS	<u>\$19,023.00</u>	<u>\$16,147.00</u>	<u>\$19,197.00</u>

(The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9-30-75 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.)

* Denotes churches reaching their goal this year.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	BUDGET 1975-76	SPEC. RECTS. 1975-76	EXPENSES 1975-76	BUDGET 1976-77
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 334.92	\$ 250.00
Church Training	150.00		150.00	200.00
Woman's Missionary Union	400.00		400.00	400.00
Brotherhood	100.00			100.00
Music	100.00			100.00
Printing & Postage	600.00		381.52	600.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	300.00		300.00	300.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00		200.00	200.00
Scholarships (three)	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,050.00
Minutes	750.00		630.55	750.00
Central Training School	1,500.00		791.77	1,200.00
Evangelism	1,200.00	1,124.00	1,679.55	600.00
Youth Work	500.00		73.05	500.00
Salaries	7,020.00		7,020.00	7,582.00
Social Security (Association part)	410.00		418.50	444.00
Medical/Life/Disability Insurance	393.00		393.00	395.00
Car Allowance	475.00		475.00	550.00
Convention/Ridgecrest Expense (Prom. Secy.)	500.00	20.00	520.00	500.00
Office Utilities	400.00		384.55	400.00
Office Supplies	600.00	417.04	952.79	600.00
Audio-Visual Aids	300.00		214.40	300.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00		350.00	350.00
Office Help	100.00		71.25	100.00
Miscellaneous	304.00	69.74	305.60	471.80
Office Equipment & Maintenance	300.00		291.25	350.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)	636.00		636.00	758.20
Christmas Bonus (Promotional Secretary)	135.00		135.00	146.00
TOTALS	<u>\$19,023.00</u>	<u>\$1,850.68</u>	<u>\$18,158.70</u>	<u>\$19,197.00</u>
Life Insurance (designated)		355.18	370.23	
TOTALS	<u>\$19,023.00</u>	<u>\$2,205.86</u>	<u>\$18,528.93</u>	<u>\$19,197.00</u>
* Church Extension—Goal from the churches				\$ 2,500.00

* A motion was adopted in the August 24, 1976 Executive Committee meeting "That we amend the Budget to include an additional item called 'church Extension'. This item shall be in addition to the operational Budget and shall go for the purpose of buying property, and /or assisting in beginning new Southern Baptist churches or a church in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association as may be approved by the Association. The amount for this item in the 1976-77 budget shall be \$2,500.00. Churches shall be requested to designate offerings for this purpose over and above their normal Associational support."

SUMMARY: October 1, 1975—September 30, 1976

Balance on hand on October 1, 1975		\$ 1,786.57
Receipts: from the churches	\$16,147.00	
Sale of supplies	417.94	
Life Insurance (designated)	355.18	
Advertising (Evangelism ads)	112.50	
Love Offerings for Jack Taylor conference	1,011.50	
Refund—Convention expense, Miss Cater	20.00	
State Sales tax refund	49.74	
VBS Clinic supper	219.00	
Misc. refund, Glorieta trip, Miss Cater	<u>20.00</u>	
Total receipts during this period		<u>\$18,352.86</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		\$20,139.43
Less disbursements (listed above)		<u>\$18,528.93</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1976		<u>\$ 1,610.50</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate, 6 3/4% (30 mo. demand) First Svgs. & Loan	\$11,864.94	
Dividends added this year	<u>821.38</u>	\$12,686.22
Account, 5 3/4% (90 day notice) Fidelity Fed. Svgs. & Loan	\$ 4,134.27	
Dividends added this year	<u>244.66</u>	\$ 4,378.93
Account, 5 1/4% (on demand) Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan	\$ 3,640.05	
Dividends added this year	<u>196.20</u>	<u>\$ 3,836.25</u>
Total on deposit in the three accounts on September 30, 1976		\$20,901.40
(Total Interest added this year from the three accounts—\$1,282.24)		

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

David L. Stewart

Eight applications were received for the three available scholarships of \$350.00 each. All were considered and all were exceptionally worthy. After much deliberation, the Trustees recommended the following: Bonnie Lee Estes, Calvary, Newton, to attend Gardner-Webb College; Mary Virginia Mothershed, First Church, Hickory, to attend Southeastern Seminary; and Robert L. Cooke, First Church, Icard, to attend Gardner-Webb College. In addition, the Trustees asks that the churches of the five other applicants consider aiding these young people as they continue to further their education.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. J. Bruce Walker

Woman's Missionary Union participated in our Nation's bicentennial celebration by using as our watchword for the year, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17). As we examined our purpose for existing as a missionary organization, we affirmed, in various ways, that we must show Jesus Christ to those who are still in bondage.

Woman's Missionary Union was one of the programs featured at the Central Training School. We were proud to have all the state directors to teach the various age-level manuals. Many leaders from various churches took advantage of this training opportunity. The Home Mission study was taught for Children and Mission Friends.

The Acteens had a meeting at Penelope, using the bicentennial theme. A team of young people from Gardner-Webb College presented a program of music and Mrs. Bruce Walker spoke on the theme, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring".

Again using the denominational theme, the annual spring meeting was a great experience. From Cabarrus Association, the Baptist Young Women's Ensemble presented a program of patriotic music. Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, Assistant Director of the Department of Interfaith Witness, Home Mission Board, brought an informative and challenging message concerning many of the occults and new religious sects now present in our area.

We closed our year with a leadership conference held at Newton, First Church. 128 persons were in attendance.

This year has seen growth in some churches, with new organizations being formed and others being strengthened. This is our prayer for all the churches, continued concern and awareness of world missions.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING

April 27, 1976 held at Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

"Let Freedom Ring" was the theme for the Annual WMU Associational meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 27th, at Sandy Ridge Church. Mrs. Floyd Barger led in the Call to Prayer, followed by Rev. Homer Greene of Sandy Ridge Church, who welcomed the group.

Mrs. Bruce Walker, Associational WMU Director, presided over the business session. The roll call of churches by Miss Helen Cater showed 12 churches represented with a total attendance of 98. Mrs. Larry Penley from Mountain Grove Church gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Those being elected were: Mrs. Bruce Walker, Director; Mrs. James Glenn, Associate Director; Mrs. Jimmy Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Lawrence Rhoney, Baptist Women Director; Mrs. Richard Fisher, Baptist Young Women Director; Mrs. Sandy Richard, Acteens Director, with Mrs. Alvin Lane assisting; Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Mission Friends Director. Mrs. Rose Wolff presented the prayer of dedication for the new officers.

Special music was presented by the Baptist Young Women Ensemble from Cabarrus Association, Mrs. Norman Snodderly, Director. The music was all in keeping with the theme, "Let Freedom Ring".

The message was brought by Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, who is the assistant Director of the Department of Interfaith Witness of our Home Mission Board.

Mrs. James R. Glenn closed the meeting with prayer. All churches met then for fellowship and refreshments with the Sandy Ridge Church as Hostess.

Mrs. Jean Stephens, Secretary

In Memoriam

BROOKFORD: Mrs. W. C. Laney, Mr. G. C. Elders

CALVARY, NEWTON: Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. Hazel Coley

CATAWBA: John S. Danner (Deacon), Mr. Eugene Stewart, Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. John H. James

CENTRAL: Mrs. Nellie Lail

CLAREMONT, FIRST: Mr. A. G. Cordell (Deacon)

CORINTH: Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. Edna Johnson

EAST FIRST STREET: Mrs. George Drum, Mr. Glenn Travis

FAIRBROOK: Mrs. J. J. Waldrop

FAIRGROVE: Mr. Ben Roberts

EAST HICKORY: Mrs. Sarah Hefner, Mrs. Hester Keller, Mrs. Ola Morgan, Mr. Jerry Parsons, Mr. Victor Leon Snipes (Deacon)

HICKORY, FIRST: Mr. Frank Rice, Mr. Joe Hazelwood, Mrs. M. G. Crouch, Mr. Roland Best, Mrs. N. A. Yount, Mr. W. R. Robinson, Dr. W. D. Yelton (Deacon), Mrs. C. L. Miller, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mr. J. D. Greene (Deacon), Mr. E. L. Lane, Jr., Mr. R. C. Carlton, Mrs. Millard Hancock, Mrs. H. L. Starnes, Mr. R. C. Pulman, Mrs. B. Y. Hefner, Mr. A. Ted Dellinger

WEST HICKORY: Mr. John R. Shambley, Mr. Douglas Cox, Mr. D. P. Russell, Mr. Dock Riley

HIGHLAND: Mrs. Sam McNeely, Mrs. Dorothy Harris, Mrs. J. E. Carter, Mrs. F. E. Jackson, Mrs. Durland Pope, Mr. Norman Cooper, Mr. George Guthrie

HILDEBRAN, FIRST: Mr. Jones F. Abernathy, Mrs. Pearl Leatherman, Mrs. Jewel Johnson, Mr. Lawrence Page, Mrs. Susan Dockery

ICARD, FIRST: Miss Lottie Carswell, Mrs. Laura Newton, Mr. Bill Rockett, Mr. Henry Propst, Mrs. Edith Dameron
 LAKEVIEW: Mr. E. Mitchell Wallace
 LONGVIEW: Mrs. Emma Hudson, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Nora Rogers
 MOUNTAIN GROVE: Mrs. Annie Whitener, Mrs. Joie Eckerd, Mr. Jimmy King, Mr. Earl Walls, Mrs. Marie Whitener
 NEWTON, FIRST: Mr. Don Adams (Deacon), Mr. Barlow Hilton, Mr. Edwin Hilton, Mr. Anthony Blanchard, Mr. B. B. Burrus, Sr., Mrs. Zeb Wilson, Mrs. Emma Stroupe, Mr. A. L. Hultchens, Mrs. A. W. Robey, Mr. Louis Jenkins, Miss Lavenia Ervin
 NORTH NEWTON: Mrs. H. R. Yount, Mrs. J. G. Corne, Mrs. Jesse Wilson, Mr. Wade Bandy (Deacon)
 OXFORD: Mrs. Annie Lovelace, Mr. Virgil Allen
 PENELOPE: Mr. M. A. Jenkins (Deacon), Mr. W. E. Lockhard, Mr. Eric Childres, Mrs. Jack Carpenter, Mrs. Nora Oates, Mr. W. J. Herman
 PROVIDENCE: Mrs. Pink Hoffman, Mrs. T. S. Abee
 SANDY RIDGE: Mr. Homer Stewart, Mr. Lonzo Ellis
 SPRINGS ROAD: Mrs. Sam Reid, Mr. B. G. Murphy, Mr. Warner Bengé
 STARTOWN, FIRST: Mrs. L. L. Green, Mrs. Janie Beach
 VIEWMONT: Mrs. Cornelia Good, Mrs. Hilda Wooten, Mr. T. W. Hall, Mr. Max E. Starnes, MR. J. T. Gray, Mr. Carroll Poovey, Sr., Mr. Ralph Bowman, Mrs. Ellen Jane Bailey
 WARLICK'S: Mrs. Edgar Berry, Mrs. Lillie Pruitt
 WINKLER'S: Mrs. J. M. Howard, Mrs. E. G. Minton, Mrs. Estelle Matthewson, Mr. Fred Mask, Mrs. Thelma Winkler, Mr. Kenny Anderson
 WOODLAWN: Mrs. Robert Ervin, Mr. Jimmy Pickel, Mr. James Conner

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANIST, SECRETARIES

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	316 W. 21st. St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Bowen, Rev. John R.	3310 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Activities /Youth
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music /Youth
Brown, Mrs. Paula	Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Burleson, Mrs. Steve	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor /Music
Campbell, Mrs. Nancy	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Child Care Director
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Assoc. Pastor /Youth
Coleman, Rev. Walter S.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor /Educ.
Craig, Rev. J. Harold	3310 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music /Education
Deal, Mrs. Marie	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
DeHart, Mrs. H. J., Jr.	Box 726, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary

Ellis, Rev. Harold	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Music /Youth
Emmett, Rev. Billy H.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Associate Pastor
Faulkenbury, Mrs. Joan	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winkler's Grove	Church Secretary
Frye, Mrs. Scott	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Child Care Director
Halmaker, Mrs. Martha	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Education Secretary
Keller, Miss. Sharon	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Child Care Director
Kiser, Rev. Ronald	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Associate Pastor
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music /Education
Lunsford, Mrs. Dean	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
McDaniel, Mrs. Marjorie	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
McManus, Paul V.	Box 726, Conovor	Woodlawn	Music /Educ. /Youth
Mitchell, Mrs. Darnell	825 8th St. Dr., SE, Hickory	Temple	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Virginia	Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Panther, Mrs. Margaret	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Pastor's Secretary
Parker, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.	Rt. 8, Box 205, Hickory	Mtn. Grove	Church Secretary
Phillips, Rev. Larry R.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor /Youth
Rhyne, Mrs. Dorothy	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Scronce, Mrs. Connie	Box 273, Newton	E. First St.	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1st Ave. N W, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil	Rt. 10, Box 51, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Tanner, Sidney E.	130 16th St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Music /Youth
Tanner, Mrs. Sidney E.	3310 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory	Penelope	Child Care Director
Wade, Mrs. Kenneth	Box 190, Icard	Icard, First	Church Secretary
Ward, Mrs. Henry	130 16th St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
West, Douglas	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Education /Youth
Wolff, Mrs. Rose W.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Hostess

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred J. (Ch.)	23302 Anza Ave., Terrance, Calif. 90505.	Providence
Alley, Gerald (R), Rt. 1, Box 501A, Conovor	28613.	Highland
Beals, Roy (R), 1221 18th Ave. NE, Hickory	28601.	Highland
Baker, Dr. Smoot (R), 603 12th Ave. NE, Hickory	28601.	Temple
Bellini, G. Milton (I), Box 382, Conover	28613.	Newton, First
Bolick, Hugh (I), Rt. 4, Hickory	28601.	Wayside
Bryant, Wade (I), Rt. 4, Box 58, Conover	28613.	Penelope
Cothren, William (I), Box 1292, Hickory	28613.	Penelope
Compton, J. D. (R), 1934 11th Ave. SE, Hickory	28613.	Hickory, First
Conner, D. S. (R), Rt. 4, Box 357, Hickory	28613.	Providence
Crump, Zeno (I), Rt. 7, Hickory	28613.	Warlick's
Denton, H. M. (Ch.), Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory	28613.	Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I), Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612.	Warlick's
Helton, Clyde (I), Box 234, Hickory	28601.	Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R), 1221 12th Ave. SW, Hickory	28601.	West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I), Box 434, Granite Falls	28630.	Hickory, First
Ledford, A. V. (R), Box 503, Icard	28666.	Icard, First
McCurry, Grady (I), Rt. 4, Hickory	28601.	Wayside
McGinnis, H. M. (R), Rt. 10, Box 88, Hickory	28601.	Hildebran, First
Melvin, W. E. (I), Rt. 11, Box 392, Hickory	28601.	Highland
Penley, Dr. Larry (I), Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory	28601.	Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I), 438 7th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory	28601.	Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis (R), 2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	28601.	West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I), 424 25th St. SW, Hickory	28601.	Longview
Rhodes, Joe (I), 105 Ann Avenue, Newton	28658.	North Newton

Robinson, Earnest (I), Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601.....	Sandy Ridge
Simms, S. L. (LP), 609 5th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601.....	Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. (I), Rt. 2, Box 613, Hickory 28601.....	Highland
Smith, J. Max, Jr., (I), Box 124, Hildebran 28637.....	Icard, First
Starnes, Ted L. (I), Rt. 6, Hickory 28601.....	Sandy Ridge
Walker, Alvin A., Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658.....	Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Berry, Lawrence R., Catawba 28609.....	Catawba	Catawba
Conley, Harry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612.....	Longview	Longview
Curtis, Harry, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667.....	Wayside	Wayside
Gibson, Charles, 526 24th St. SW, Hickory 28601.....	Wayside	Wayside
Horton, Claude, Alabma.....	Icard, First	Icard, First
Kistler, Billy, 1740 2nd Ave. NW, Hickory 28601.....	Unity	Unity
Pierce, James A., 1107 Sunset St., Newton 28658.....	Claremont, First	Claremont, First
Robbins, Frank, Jr., Rt. 4, Newton 28658.....	Startown, First	Startown, First

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Johnson, Eddie, 200 Willowbrook Dr., Morganton 28655.....	Central	Central

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Horton, Claude, Alabama.....	Icard, First	Icard, First
McDowell, Wayne, Rt. 3, Box 319B, Newton 28658.....	Temple	Temple

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont.....	Flynn Home for Alcoholics,	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	Brian Center,	220 13th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	Pellcare,	1125 10th St. Blvd. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn.....	Catawba Valley Rest Home,	Conover 28613

DIRECTORS OF MEDIA CENTER

Church	Name	Address
Catawba.....	Mrs. Allen Oxford,	Rt. 2, Box 169A, Claremont 28610
Central.....	Mrs. Pat Christopher,	1540 33rd St. SW, Hickory 28601
Corinth.....	Mrs. Evelyn Poovey,	Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168
East 1st Street.....	Mrs. Lucille Hooks,	Rt. 2, Box 138D, Newton 28658
Fairbrook.....	Hal E. Lail,	Rt. 3, Box 459, Conover 28613
Fairgrove.....	Mrs. Debbie Byles,	Rt. 2, Box 14B, Claremont 28610
Hickory, First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young,	196 23rd St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland.....	Mrs. Trinton Hooks,	2121 25th St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Icard, First.....	Mrs. Ed Swann,	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview.....	Mrs. Keith A. Arledge,	Rt. 10, Box 231, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Glenn Herman,	Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory 28601

Newton, First.....	James E. Britt, 220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton	28658
North Newton.....	Mrs. Monty Moore, Rt. 1, Box 110-A1, Maiden	28650
Providence.....	Miss. Janice Rudisill, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory	28601
Startown, First.....	Mrs. Ray Robinson, Rt. 4, 3 Amelia Court, Newton	28658
Temple.....	Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory	28601
West Hickory.....	Mrs. Joe Brown, 145 34th St. NW, Hickory	28601
Woodlawn.....	Mrs. Bob Mize, 610 2nd Ave. Pl. NE, Conover	28613

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Brookford.....	Paul Bolick, 153 20th Ave. SW, Hickory	28601
Calvary, Newton.....	Mrs. Ann Holsclaw, Rt. 4, Box 97, Newton	28658
Catawba.....	Miss Tina Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba	28609
Central.....	Miss Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran	28637
Claremont, First.....	Danny Foster, 210 3rd St. NE, Conover	28613
Corinth.....	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Route 8, Hickory	28601
East 1st Street.....	Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Avenue, Newton	28658
East Hickory.....	Mrs. Earl Sudduth, Rt. 5, Box 431R, Hickory	28601
Fairbrook.....	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton	28658
Fairgrove.....	Mrs. Flo Buff, Box 462, Hildebran	28637
Hickory, First.....	Tim Warren, 1710 2nd St. Pl. SW, Hickory	28601
Highland.....	Miss. Eucella Hamilton, Box 186, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Spgs.	28612
Icard, First.....	Mrs. Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	28666
Lakeview.....	Mrs. Howard Barnes, 441 28th Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	28601
Longview.....	Mrs. Juanita Newton, 305 32 St. Pl. SW, Hickory	28601
Mountain Grove.....	David Willis, Rt. 3, Box 133, Vale	28168
Newton, First.....	Mrs. Charles Craig, 712 7th Ave. SW, Conover	28613
North Newton.....	Mrs. Dewey Butler, Box 145, Newton	28658
Oxford.....	Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Rt. 1, Box 685C, Claremont	28610
Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	28601
Providence.....	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory	28601
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory	28601
Springs Road.....	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg, Rt. 9, Box 479, Hickory	28601
Startown, First.....	Mrs. John Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 72A, Newton	28658
Sweetwater.....	Miss Lisz Guthrie, 2112 15th Ave. NE, Hickory	28601
Temple.....	Mrs. Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory	28601
Unity.....	Miss. Denise Hollar, Rt. 7, Hickory	28601
Viewmont.....	Miss Nancy Annas, Rt. 10, Box 183, Hickory	28601
Warlick's.....	Miss. Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese	28690
Wayside.....	Miss. Judy Henson, Box 4231, Hickory	28601
West Hickory.....	Mrs. Larry Rhoney, 335 17th St., NW, Hickory	28601
Winkler's Grove.....	Charles Abee, Maiden	28650
Woodlawn.....	Mrs. David L. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 7-S, Newton	28658

RECREATION DIRECTORS

Church	Name	Address
Central.....	Mrs. Sharon Duckett, Box 816, Hildebran	28637
East 1st Street.....	Calvin Proctor, Box 273, Newton	28658
East Hickory.....	Tommy Ekard, Rt. 9, Box 445, Hickory	28601
Fairbrook.....	Jim Riley, Rt. 3, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First.....	Ken Hogue, Rt. 6, Box 801, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First.....	Wayne Young, Hildebran	28637
Newton, First.....	Raleigh Castelloe, 721 S. College Ave., Newton	28658
Penelope.....	John R. Bowen, 370 7th St. NW, Hickory	28601

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN

Church	Name	Address
Catawba.....	Neil Wike,	Rt. 1, Box 322, Catawba 28609
Claremont, First.....	Mrs. Phyllis H. Little,	Box 193, Claremont 28610
East 1st Street.....	Thad Crump,	2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton 28658
East Hickory.....	John Alvin Ward,	976 22nd St., NE, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First.....	Paul Kennedy,	1064 20th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland.....	Harold E. Deal,	Box 2467, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First.....	Enoch Johnson,	Hildebran 28637
Icard, First.....	Bill Setzer,	Rt. 2, Box 955V, Connelly Spgs. 28612
Lakeview.....	William E. West,	1300 23rd Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Newton, First.....	Don Wilson,	203 6th St. NE, Conover 28613
North Newton.....	W. W. Austin,	303 W. 21st St., Newton 28658
Penelope.....	Louie Baker,	Box 1304, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge.....	Boyce Dobbins,	Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
Springs Road.....	Joe Watkins,	1732 29th St. NE, Hickory 28601
Sweetwater.....	Bob Eller,	Rt. 2, Conover 28613
Viewmont.....	Billy Emmett,	Rt. 9, Box 111, Hickory 28601
Warlick's.....	Roscoe Huffman,	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612

CHAIRMEN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street.....	Marvin Lee,	Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton 28658
Hickory, First.....	Mrs. Rose Wolff,	421 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
Penelope.....	Mayo Weaver,	Box 1566, Hickory 28601
Warlick's.....	Mrs. Avery Orders,	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughler
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge /Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold Threalt
1975	Mountain Grove, Central	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene
1976	Catawba; Hildebran, First	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Joe Coltrane

Statistical Tables

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION										1976
Association										
THERON RANKIN										
State										
NORTH CAROLINA										
Associational Clerk										
MISS HELEN CATER										
Address										
354 First Avenue, NW										
City										
Hickory										
State										
North Carolina										
Zip										
28601										
CHURCHES										
PASTORS & ADDRESSES										
Brookford	W. C. Laney, 161 20 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601									
Calvary (N)	Fred E. Thomson, 814 S. Brady Ave., Newton 28658									
Catawba	Charles Lanier, Box 247, Catawba 28609									
Central	J. Bruce Walker, Box 1974, Hickory 28601									
Claremont, First	V. C. Martin, Box 489, Claremont 28610									
Corinth	R. J. Pressley, Rt. 3, Box 29, Vale 28168									
East First St. (N)	Raymond H. Brown, Box 273, Newton 28658									
Fairbrook	Carroll Craig, Rt. 1, Box 78, Newton 28658									
Fairgrove	Richard Fisher, Rt. 11, Box 15, Hickory 28601									
Hickory, East	Joe D. Coltrane, 122 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601									
Hickory, First	Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., 534 2nd Ave. NW, Hickory 28601									
Hickory, West	H. Phillip King, 1205 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601									
Highland	Charles H. High, 1930 12 St. NE, Hickory 28601									
Hildebran, First	Dr. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Box 317, Hildebran 28637									
Icard, First	Harvey Llaughter, Box 190, Icard 28666									
Lakeview	Walter L. Cooley, 423 8 Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601									
Longview	Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Box 4006, Hickory 28601									
Mountain Grove	Homer E. Bradey, 32 Elizabeth Ave. SE, Hickory 28601									
Newton, First	Dr. William J. Furr, 122 W. 7 St., Newton 28658									
Newton, North	Bob H. Hillard, 804 E. 23 St., Newton 28658									
Oxford	Bobby A. Langston, Rt. 1, Claremont 28610									
Penelope	Aubrey D. Folk, 3224 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601									
Providence	Ben Hall, Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601									
Sandy Ridge	Homer F. Greene, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory 28601									
Springs Road	Wray G. Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601									
Startown, First	I. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton 28658									
Sweetwater	Ronald Johnson, 621 21 St. SE, Hickory 28601									
Temple	J. Garland Early, 825 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601									
Unity	Wilborn Merck, 2941 2 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601									
Viewmont	Albert A. Young, Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory 28601									
Warlick's	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Box 520, Connelly Sp. 28612									
Wayside	Rector Henson, Box 4231, Hickory 28601									
Winkler's Grove	Kenneth Faulkenbury, Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory 28601									
Woodlawn	Harold L. Threatt, Box 726, Conover 28613									
TOTALS										

County	Year organized as a church	Location	Services held twice on Sunday?		Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
			Y	N											
1—Open Country 2—Village (under 500 pop.) 3—Downtown 4—Small City (2500-9,999) 5—Medium City (10,000-49,999) 6—Neighborhood 7—Suburban 8—Large City (50,000 or more) 9—Downtown 10—Urban															
Catawba	1910	3	x			2		100		100				28500	
Catawba	1958	5	x		5	6		278		278				110000	
Catawba	1875	3		x		5	23	179	34	213			40000	175000	
Burke	1961	7	x		23	28	4	383	45	428	4		36000	769000	235000
Catawba	1953	3	x		6	7	5	135	28	163			20000	150000	43600
Catawba	1840	1	x			4	5	273	79	352	1		50000	260000	
Catawba	1951	4	x		25	5	9	294	40	334	1	1	50000	275000	14946
Catawba	1956	7	x		4	8	2	131	14	145				65000	
Catawba	1954	7	x		21	11	1	197	30	227			35200	215000	18000
Catawba	1940	6	x		9	6	27	458	103	561		3	20000	350000	
Catawba	1870	5	x		26	49	69	1299	380	1679	5	12	75750	1193322	116840
Catawba	1907	6	x		16	15	25	814	194	1008	2	4	52000	550000	5000
Catawba	1912	6	x		14	27	67	1045	400	1445	1	7		1045760	
Burke	1888	4	x		7	16	11	510	82	592	1	1	40000	519000	100810
Burke	1918	3	x		6	11	18	265	115	380	1	1	50000	500000	
Catawba	1969	7	x		6	20	25	327	55	382	2	13		214500	30753
Catawba	1940	3	x			1	5	156	25	181		1	18000	132000	4300
Catawba	1881	7	x		12	19	36	447	38	485	2	5		330000	
Catawba	1882	4	x		15	11	39	667	184	851	3	3	45000	959000	
Catawba	1925	4	x		19	9	22	464	75	539	3	5	65000	354000	6180
Catawba	1965	1	x		18	17	2	265	10	275	18			133000	77387
Catawba	1888	4	x		40	20	25	892	250	1142	4	5	37000	1000000	86000
Catawba	1878	1	x			4	4	158	39	197	1		32000	190000	
Catawba	1944	7	x		9	4	12	373	175	548			75000	290000	
Catawba	1957	7	x		35	12	16	401	230	631	4	3	75000	525000	96947
Catawba	1956	3	x		12	15	25	134	2	136	8		22000	225000	86326
Catawba	1954	7	x		8	5	7	165	10	175			40500	111850	20000
Catawba	1949	7	x		14	9	19	408	50	458	2	2	15000	249000	27800
Catawba	1961	3	x		4	20	6	161		161			19000	198250	24387
Catawba	1935	7	x		22	30	49	1028	286	1314	4	2		700000	5620
Burke	1854	1	x		1	5	5	300	86	386			32000	200000	8990
Catawba	1954	7	x		26	40	13	600	59	119			30000	48000	1950
Burke	1896	7	x		29	23	22	600	187	787		1	60000	330000	
Catawba	1959	4	x					436	12	448				280000	
TOTALS										17113	66	69	1034450	12675182	1010836

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Associational Training Union Director MRS. SMOOT BAKER																											
Address 603 12th Avenue, NE												City Hickory		State North Carolina		Zip 28601											
CHURCHES												TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES															
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory 28601											74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	Church Leader Training Registration	86	87	88			
Calvary (N)	None											6	9	12	13	11	12	2									
Catawba	None																				New Member Registration						
Central	Andy Stephens, Sr., Box 196, Hildebran 28637											4	35	35	4	45	5	3						66			
Claremont, First	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 489, Claremont 28610											10	22	21		22		2			Children	Youth	Adult	69			
Corinth	Roy Fulbright, Rt. 3, Box 463, Vale 28168											6	5	14	10	13	3							35			
East First St. (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658											16	22	28	12	16	15	3			Total Training Union ongoing enrolment			88			
Fairbrook	Dallas McCall, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601											4	20	11	6	34		3						54			
Fairgrove	None																				Children	Youth	Adult				
Hickory, East	Ray Alcon, 1085 22 St., NE, Hickory 28601											5	17	12	5	25	10	4						52			
Hickory, First	None																				Children	Youth	Adult				
Hickory, West	None											1	4	18		15	3	3						40			
Highland	None											16	35	45		30					Children	Youth	Adult	121			
Hildebran, First	None																										
Icard, First	John Deal, Box 123, Icard 28666											6	15	20	12	20	5	2			Children	Youth	Adult	62			
Lakeview	None																										
Longview	Wayne Reese, Rt. 2, Box 587K, Connelly Spgs. 28612												11	8		15		3			Children	Youth	Adult				
Mountain Grove	Erroll Ward, Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory 28601											7	27	21	10	19		4						59			
Newton, First	Reggie Bowman, Rt. 4, Box 21, Newton 28658											20	36	27		42		5			Children	Youth	Adult	80			
Newton, North	Mrs. Carroll Campbell, 2017 N. Ashe Ave., Newton 28658											3	25	21	14	18	2	2						34			
Oxford	J. J. Black, Rt. 1, Box 231, Conover 28613												25	15		17	18	2			Children	Youth	Adult	45			
Penelope	None											6	20	34		34	21	4						45			
Providence	Mrs. Helen Asherbranner, Rt. 8, Box 528, Hickory 28601											3	11	8	10	13		8			Children	Youth	Adult	54			
Sandy Ridge	R. Alvin Lane, Rt. 1, Box 191, Taylorsville 28681											6	25	12		27	15	5						42			
Springs Road	Jack Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 168, Conover 28613											18	44	34	11	46		3			Children	Youth	Adult	58			
Startown, First	Ray McGee, Box 657, Gastonia 28052											5	9	5	10	25		3						85			
Sweetwater	Bob Eller, Rt. 2, Conover 28613											5	10	21	2	23	1	1			Children	Youth	Adult	32			
Temple	Wayne McDowell, Rt. 3, Box 319 B, Newton 28658											8	23	24	18	24		2						56			
Unity	None																				Children	Youth	Adult				
Viewmont	None											13	30			20		3	66	5				15			
Warlick's	None																				Children	Youth	Adult				
Wayside	None																										
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Nancy Allen, 3568 1 Ave. Cr., NW, Hickory 28601											12	22	20	22	60	20	3			Children	Youth	Adult	90			
Woodlawn	Wesley Simpkins, 220 5 Ave., NE, Conover 28613											29	16	27	6	40	4	4						10	26	61	
TOTALS												209	518	493	165	654	134	74			2247	104	37	101	257	497	1323

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CHURCHES											MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES											
Brookford	Ms. Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601										89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Calvary (N)	Robin Moretz, 201 S. Main Ave., Newton 28658										6	8	17	30				2		30	15	
Catawba	Mrs. Sharon Bramlett, Rt. 1, Box 39, Newton 28658												5	13				2		48	15	
Central	Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran 28637											27	28	35				6		20	14	
Claremont, First	None												15	13				3		96	63	
Corinth	Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601											2	10	20				3		31	25	
East First St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658										10	20	20	30		10		3		35	25	
Fairbrook	Gary Toney, 374 15 Ave., NE, Hickory 28601										5	12	10	18				1		90	70	
Fairgrove	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637										4	5	12	20				2		46	35	
Hickory, East	Sidney E. Tanner, Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory 28601											25	14	28	3			4		43	35	
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601										28	86	45	72		34		46		74	54	
Hickory, West	E. L. Lineberger, 1134 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory 28601										12	26	25	35				8		315	204	3
Highland	None										14	24	25	45	58			10		106	78	
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernathy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601												5	35				3		176	125	
Icard, First	John E. Mode, Rt. 6, Box 46A, Statesville 28677													32				1		43	32	
Lakeview	Louis R. Robinson, 533 18 St., NW, Hickory 28601													21					33	20		
Longview	L. R. Tolbert, 1875 28 St., NE, Hickory 28601												12	14				4		21	11	
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601												15	26				4		30	15	
Newton, First	Charles B. Craig, 712 7th Ave., Conover 28613												25	35	9			4		45	35	
Newton, North	Harold D. Ellis, Box 43, Newton 28658										10	45	25	43				5		129	88	
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613										26	25					7	4		105	84	30
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, Box 4065, Hickory 28601										2	10	10	25				2		49	40	
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601										14	35	25	24	24			14		136	120	
Sandy Ridge	Lloyd D. Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory 28601											11	4	18				3		19	24	
Springs Road	Joel Harris, Rt. 4, Shannonsbrook Dr., Newton 28658											30	30	50				6		36	24	
Startown, First	Mrs. Delores Huffman, Box 865, Newton 28658																			116	75	
Sweetwater	Mrs. Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601										10	10	10	16				6		52	14	
Temple	David Arndt, 1315 6 Ave., NW, Conover 28613												10	12				3		25	15	
Unity	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601												20	27				4		51	35	
Viewmont	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 214, Hickory 28601										12	35	20	30	26	12		2		54	24	
Warlick's	Charles Gallagher, 1448 Lydia Ave., NW, Valdese 28690												55	42				40		222	175	
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601										6	11		17		4		1		41	27	
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601										4	6	12	12		6		5		34	34	
Woodlawn	Paul V. McManus, Box 726, Conover 28613										17	30	15	60			4	8		105	80	29
TOTALS											180	498	513	962	120	66	19	205		2563	1748	62

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State	Money paid out on new construction during the year		All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Associational missions		Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC For. Miss. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated SBC Christian education (schools, etc.)	Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: SBC Hospitals	Designated: SBC Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures		
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CHURCHES		CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES															
Brookford Calvary (N)	Mrs. Jane Wilson, 1743 S. Center St., Hickory 28601																
Catawba	Kathy George, Box 932, Conover 28613																
Central	Mrs. Edna Danner, Box 443, Catawba 28609																
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Gen. Delivery, Hildebran 28637																
Corinth	Mrs. Phyllis Little, Box 193, Claremont 28610																
East First St. (N)	Mrs. Evelyn Poovey, Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168																
Fairbrook	Mrs. Charles Taylor, 1508 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28601																
Fairgrove	Mrs. Wanda Mull, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory 28601																
Hickory, First	Mrs. A. C. Signon, Rt. 2, Box 163, Conover 28613																
Hickory, First	Mrs. Richard Robbins, Rt. 6, Box 388, Hickory 28601																
Hickory, West	Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, Rt. 10, Box 772, Hickory 28601																
Highland	To be named																
Hildebran, First	V. H. White, Box 355, Hickory 28601																
Icard, First	Allen Stafford, Box 80, Icard 28666																
Lakeview	Ray Horton, 720 Tron Ave. NW, Valdese 28690																
Longview	Mrs. J. Jemil Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory 28601																
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Jean Pruitt, 203 39 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601																
Newton First	Mrs. Jim Leatherman, Rt. 8, Box 340, Hickory 28601																
Newton, North	Mrs. Steven Kirby, Rt. 2, Box 60B, Claremont 28610																
Oxford	Mrs. Marcell Whisnant, 511 E. 21 St., Newton 28658																
Ponelope	Mrs. Joe Canipe, Rt. 1, Box 592, Conover 28613																
Providence	Cecil Signon, 318 33 St. SW, Hickory 28601																
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Helen Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601																
Springs Road	Mrs. Larry Teague, Rt. 9, Box 828, Hickory 28601																
Star town, First	Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 135, Hickory 28601																
Sweetwater	Mrs. Johnny Hughey, Rt. 4, Box 233, Newton 28658																
Temple	Mrs. Dan Guins																
Unity	Mrs. Jack Franklin, 2230 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																
Viewmont	Joyce Waycaster, 70 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601																
Warlick's	Mrs. Dorothy Rhyme, 1191 18 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																
Wayside	Mrs. Homer Goodman, Box 224, Rhodhiss 28667																
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Annie Curtis, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667																
Woodlawn	Steve Ball, Rt. 2, Box 498E, Connelly Springs 28612																
	W. E. Burton, Jr., Box 743, Conover 28613																
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Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Parliamentarian—32 Elizabeth Ave., SE, Hickory 28601

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Miss Helen Cater—354 First Ave., NW, Hickory 28601

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Mrs. J. Bruce Walker, WMU Director—P. O. Box 1974, Hickory 28601
B. J. Abernethy, Brotherhood Director—P. O. Box 195, Hildebran 28637
Hendley Ellington, Music Director—549 N. Center Street, Hickory 28601

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Dr. Smoot Baker, (1979), General Board, Evangelism Committee—Hickory
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Mr. E. Murray Tate, Jr., (1978), General Board, Christian High Education—Hickory
Mr. E. Murray Tate, Jr., (1978), General Board, Services Rendered Comm.—Hickory
Dr. Billy T. Mobley, (1978), General Board, Services Rendered Comm.—Hickory
Rev. Charles High, Member, Nominating Comm., Baptist State Convention—Hickory
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Mr. J. Bruce Teague, (1978), Trustee, Gardner-Webb College—Hickory
Mrs. G. Wayne DeHart, (1980), Trustee, Gardner-Webb College—Hickory
Mr. Harold E. Deal, (1979), Trustee, Children's Homes—Hickory
Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., (1978), Trustee, Southeastern Seminary—Hickory
Dr. Billy T. Mobley, Sunday School Board, SBC—Hickory

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Gary Whitener, Chairman, P. O. Box 354, Hickory; Rev. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Perry M. Starnes, Hendley Ellington, Rev. Harvey Laughter, Rev. Albert A. Young

MEMBERSHIP—Rev. Wray G. Barrett, Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory; Boyce B. Dobbins, Donald E. Greene, Rev. Bobby A. Langston, Dr. Billy T. Mobley
 RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Chairman, Box 4006, Hickory; Rev. Billy Emmett, Mrs. Henry Wallace, Miss Edna Danner, Frank Poovey
 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Rev. Homer F. Greene, Chairman, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory; R. D. Buie, Dr. Smoot Baker
 EXTENSION: Rev. Avlvin A. Walker, Chairman, Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton; John F. Deal, Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., Joe Watkins, Martin Frank
 FINANCE: Fred M. Mull, Chairman, 502 5th St. SE, Hickory; Bobby E. Robinson. J. Perry Abernethy, Miss Martha Eggers, Rev. Richard Fisher, Earl L. Melton, Auditor, Frelon Broome, Ex Officio
 PLACE & PREACHER: J. Max Smith, Chairman, Box 96, Hildebran; Rev. V. C. Martin, Rev. Ronald G. Johnson, Rev. Matt L. Hastings, Sidney Tanner
 CHRISTIAN LIFE: Rev. Harold L. Threatt, Chairman, Box 726, Conover; John F. Hall, Rev. Raymond E. Brown, Rev. Harvey Laughter, Rev. Aubrey Folk
 ORDINATION: Rev. I. D. Phillips, Chairman, Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton; Rev. Ben Hall, Charles Craig, Rev. J. Garland Early, Rev. David O. Byler
 PUBLICITY: Dr. Larry Penley, Chairman, Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory; Mrs. Jeneil Stewart, Mrs. Lois DeHart
 EVANGELISM: Rev. H. Phillip King, Chairman, 40 12th St. NW, Hickory; Harold Ellis, Rev. Albert A. Young
 ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chairman, Box 355, Hickory; plus three associates from each of the host churches
 ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Rev. Charles H. High, Chairman, 828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory; Mrs. Richard Fisher, Wayne McDowell, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Cecil Mull
 CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Director, 32 Elizabeth Ave. SE, Hickory; plus the head of each program organization or their representative
 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chairman, Box 365, Hickory; Bill Styers, Earl Roberts
 NOMINATING: J. Max Smith (Sunday School, Jack Huffman (Church Training), Harold Ellis (Music), Mrs. Bruce Walker (WMU), Wayne Young (Brotherhood), Rev. Richard Fisher (Pastor-Advisor)

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society—Charles R. Brown, 1246 2nd St., NE, Hickory 28601
 Annuity Board—Rev. John Pollack, 438 7th Ave. Pl., NW, Hickory 28601
 Baptist Hospital—Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, First Baptist Church, Newton 28658
 Children's Homes—Paul S. Kennedy, 1064 20th Ave., NW, Hickory 28601
 Christian Education—Rev. Larry Phillips, 354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory 28601
 Christian Literature—Dan Waters, P. O. Box 2505, Hickory 28601
 Homes for the Aging—Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, 1221 12th Ave., SW, Hickory 28601
 Foreign Missions—Edgar L. Lineberger, 40 12th St., NW, Hickory 28601
 Home Missions—Miss Doris Cope, P. O. Box 543, Conover 28613
 State Missions—Mrs. Larry Penley, Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory 28601

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Walter Cooley, Director—423 8th Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory 28601
 Rev. Ben Hall, V. B. S. Director—Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601

Age-Level Directors:

Mrs. Gary Whitener, Preschool Director—Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601
Edgar L. Lineberger, Children's Director—40 12th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Douglas West, Youth Director—828 9th Ave., NE, Hickory 28601
Rev. Bruce Walker, Adult Director—P. O. Box 1974, Hickory 28601

CHURCH TRAINING

Mrs. Smoot Baker, Director—603 12th Ave., NE, Hickory 28601
Mrs. Joe Watkins, Secretary—1732 29th St., NE, Hickory 28601
Rev. Glen Ramsey, Jr., Pastor Advisor—P. O. Box 4006, Hickory 28601

Age-Level Directors:

Mrs. W. E. Burton, Jr., Preschool Director—P. O. Box 743, Conover 28613
Basil Boggs, Children's Director—Rt. 2, Box 149B, Claremont 28610
Rev. Ben Hall, Youth Director—Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601
Mrs. Phillip King, Adult Director—1205 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory 28601

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. J. Bruce Walker, Director—P. O. Box 1974, Hickory 28601
Mrs. James R. Glenn, Associate Director—1880 6th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Mrs. Jimmy Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer—Rt. 4, Box 344, Hickory 28601

Age-Level Directors:

Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Mission Friends Director—Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton 28658
Mrs. Ben Hall, Girls in Action Director—Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601
(to be named) Acteens Director—
Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner, Baptist Young Women Dir.—Rt. 10, Box 530, Hickory 28601
Mrs. Lawrence Rhoney, Baptist Women Director—615 6th St., NW, Hickory 28601

BROTHERHOOD

B. J. Abernethy, Director—P. O. Box 195, Hildebran 28637
J. A. Pate, Royal Ambassador Director—Cedar Grove Church Road, Newton 28658

MUSIC

Hendley Ellington, Director—549 North Center Street, Hickory 28601

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
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Calvary, N.	Miss Grace Boone	1112 N. Ashe Ave., Newton 28658
Catawba	James Morrow	Box 256, Catawba 28609
Central	Donald Ball	Rt. 2, Box 491B, Connelly Springs 28612
Claremont, First	Frank Boggs	Rt. 2, Box 150A, Claremont 28610
Corinth	Roy Fulbright	Rt. 3, Box 463, Vale 28168

East 1st Street	Charles Taylor	1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658
Fairbrook	Lester Mull	Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory 28601
Fairgrove	Edward Parsons	Rt. 11, Box 88, Hickory 28601
East Hickory	K. N. Houston	Rt. 9, Box 292, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	R. D. Buie	128 8th Ave., NE, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	James W. Coble	354 17th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	V. H. White	P. O. Box 355, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	J. Perry Abernethy	P. O. Box 317, Hildebran 28637
Icard, First	John F. Deal	P. O. Box 124, Icard 28666
Lakeview	William C. Mansberger	Rt. 11, Box 676, Hickory 28601
Longview	Julius J. Cook	2519 13th Ave., SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Garland Eaker	Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
Newton, First	Miss Doris Cope	P. O. Box 543, Conover 28613
North Newton	Dewey Butler	P. O. Box 145, Newton 28658
Oxford	J. J. Black	Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613
Penelope	Lewis Phillips	Rt. 7, Box 770, Hickory 28601
Providence	Gary Whitener	Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Boyce Dobbins	Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
Springs Road	Gerald Smith	Rt. 11, Box 246, Hickory 28601
Startown, First	Johnny R. Hughey	Rt. 4, Box 233, Newton 28658
Sweetwater	Bob Eller	322 21st St., SE, Hickory 28601
Temple	Wayne McDowell	Rt. 3, Box 319, Newton 28658
Unity	Paul Black	Box 192, Hildebran 28637
Viewmont	Frank Poovey	2044B 6th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Robert Ennis	Box 99, Icard 28666
Wayside	Harry Curtis	Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667
Winkler's Grove	Floyd Odom	Rt. 7, Box 54, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Robert Fisher	205 2nd St., NE, Conover 28613

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.
 2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to the body.
 3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from the issue of the Annual.
 4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.
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Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i. e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place, and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers

shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations: Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1 of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting of special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meeting. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee

shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this session of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Associational Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of

the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
THURSDAY AFTERNOON
Oxford Baptist Church
October 20, 1977

1. The twenty-second annual session began at 4 pm with Charles Brown leading in singing "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Robert Drum was pianist. Rev. Fritz Hemphill led in prayer. Rev. Charles High, program chairman, introduced Rev. Albert Young to lead in the worship period. Mr. Brown sang "So Send I You."

2. Rev. J. Bruce Walker, moderator, called the session to order using the gavel given the association in 1957 by Mrs. Theron Rankin. He reminded us that we are a missions oriented body. A motion was adopted that those already registered and who would register would constitute this body.

3. Rev. Charles High, chairman of the program committee, called attention to the printed program which was adopted as the order of business with necessary changes.

Program

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 20

Oxford Baptist Church

4:00	Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"	No. 360
	Special Music	Charles R. Brown, leading
	Worship	Charles R. Brown
		Rev. Albert A. Young
4:20	ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	
	Constitution of Twenty-Second Annual Session	
	Adoption of Order of Business	Rev. Charles H. High
	Welcome	Rev. Bobby A. Langston
	Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members	Rev. J. Bruce Walker
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Report of Registration	V. H. White
	Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"	No. 415
		Edgar L. Lineberger, leading

4:40	REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS	
	Sunday School	Raleigh Castelloe, Walter Cooley
	Church Training	Mrs. Smoot Baker
	Evangelism	Rev. H. Phillip King
	Association Office	Rev. Walter Cooley
	Trustees	Harold E. Deal
	Scholarship Foundation	George F. Hemphill
	Nominating Committee	Rev. Ben Hall
	Extension Committee	Rev. Alvin A. Walker
	Recognition of Institution Representatives	
5:30	Stewardship Message	Dr. Craven Williams
	Benediction and Blessing	Rev. Douglas West
6:00	DINNER	

THURSDAY EVENING—OCTOBER 20

Oxford Baptist Church

7:00	Hymn “Rescue the Perishing”	No. 207
		Rev. David O. Byler, leading
	Special Music	Rev. David O. Byler
	Worship	Dr. Billy T. Mobley
7:20	REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS	
	Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
	Finance Committee	Wayne McDowell
	Place & Preacher Committee	Rev. Wray G. Barrett
	Brotherhood	B. J. Abernethy
	Membership Committee	Rev. Harold L. Threatt
	Election of Officers	
	Report on Registration	V. H. White
7:45	Hymn	
7:50	Special Feature	BSU Team, Wake Forest University
8:20	Scripture and Prayer	Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr.
	Annual Sermon	Rev. J. Bruce Walker
	Benediction	Rev. Ronald G. Johnson

FRIDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 21

First Baptist Church, Startown

9:30	Hymn “Footsteps of Jesus”	No. 362
		Phillip Duncan, leading
	Special Music	Phillip Duncan
	Worship	Rev. Charles H. High
9:50	Welcome	Rev. I. D. Phillips
	REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS	
	Woman’s Missionary Union	Mrs. J. Bruce Walker
	Ordination Committee	Rev. Fred Thompson
	Music Ministry	Charles R. Brown
	Memorial Service	Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill
10:20	Missions Message	Marse Grant
	Hymn “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”	No. 440
11:00	Resolutions	J. Perry Abernethy
	Miscellaneous Business	
	Report of Registration	V. H. White

11:25 Special Music

Message

Benediction

12:00 ADJOURNMENT AND LUNCH

Ministers of Music Ensemble

Rev. Gene L. Watterson

Rev. Billy Emmett

4. Rev. Bobby Landston, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Walker recognized new pastors and staff members and their wives: Douglas West, Minister of Education and Youth, Highland; Phillip Duncan, Minister of Music and Outreach, Highland; Dr. and Mrs. Billy T. Mobley, Pastor, First Church, Hickory.

5. Visitors from outside the association who were recognized were: Dr. Harold Tallent, Louisville, Kentucky; Calvin Knight, Baptist Hospital; Clyde Morris, Children's Homes.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 122 messengers and 15 visitors registered from 28 churches. Edgar Lineberger led in singing the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" with Mrs. Ben Byrd as pianist.

7. Prayer was requested for the father of Miss Cater who was at Frye Hospital following surgery the day before.

8. Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, retiring Sunday School Director, gave a report of their activities.

9. Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director, reported on activities and promoted "M" Night and the Church Growth Campaign on March 12-15, 1978.

10. Rev. Phillip King, chairman of Evangelism, reported that the Evangelism emphasis had been dropped since the program personalities did not give a firm commitment.

11. Rev. Walter Cooley, Association Office Committee chairman, commended Miss Cater for her work. The recommendations from this committee were adopted as printed in their report as contained in this issue.

12. The Trustees and Scholarship Foundation reports were accepted as printed. The chairman of these committees were not present.

13. Rev. Ben Hall, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented their report which was adopted as printed in this issue. Mr. Frank Poovey was recognized for 20 years service as chairman of the Publicity Committee.

14. Rev. Alvin A. Walker, chairman of the Extension Committee, reported the transaction to purchase the property south of Hickory had been completed. He expressed thanks to Murray Tate for legal work and Larry Penley, real estate dealer, for his assistance. The money is on hand for the first year payment. Mr. Walker and others will speak in churches wanting to promote this project.

15. A motion was adopted to give Dr. Smoot Baker, General Board representative, five minutes to speak. He promoted attendance from our churches at the Baptist State Convention meeting in Charlotte in November.

16. Representatives from institutions and agencies were recognized and spoke briefly: Clyde Morris, Children's Homes and Calvin Knight, Baptist Hospital.

17. Rev. High presented Dr. Craven Williams, president of Gardner-Webb College, who brought a stewardship message.

20. Rev. Langston gave directions for the dinner. It was noted that this church had only 30 days to prepare for our coming. Douglas West led in prayer.

21. A delicious dinner was served by the host church. Approximately 194 persons were present at this time.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20

Oxford Baptist Church

22. David Byler led in singing "Rescue the Perishing" with Mrs. Louise Leibe at the piano. Mr. Byler sang a medley, "Somebody Bigger Than You and I" and "I

Walk With God." Dr. Billy T. Mobley led in the worship period.

23. Treasurer, Frelon Broome, reviewed the Financial Report for the past year. He expressed appreciation to Earl Melton for auditing the Treasurer's books and to First Church, Hickory for furnishing Association office space.

24. Wayne McDowell, chairman of the Finance Committee, called attention to proposed changes in the budget. The budget, amount \$20,917.00, was adopted as contained in this issue along with a goal of \$1.00 per member from each church for Church Extension over and above their regular contributions to the association budget.

25. Rev. Wray G. Barrett, chairman of the Place and Preacher Committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: 1st day: Icard, First; 2nd day: Viewmont; to preach annual sermon, Rev. H. Phillip King; alternate, Rev. Homer E. Bradey. He expressed appreciation to the Oxford Church for exchanging dates this year with the Icard Church.

26. In the absence of the Brotherhood Director, the report was adopted as printed.

27. Rev. Harold L. Threatt, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented their report which was adopted to accept the Catawba Valley Baptist Church under the watchcare of our association. This church is located temporarily on Highway No. 10 east of Newton. A welcome was extended to the members of this church who were present.

28. With Vice Moderator, Rev. Fritz Hemphill, presiding, Moderator Rev. J. Bruce Walker was re-elected by acclamation. With Moderator Walker presiding, Rev. Hemphill was re-elected as Vice Moderator by acclamation.

29. Mr. White reported registration of 145 messengers and 47 visitors. The Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung.

30. The BSU Team (11 members) from Wake Forest University presented a special feature of testimony and song.

31. Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., read Scripture from Acts 1:1-11. Rev. J. Bruce Walker brought the annual sermon using as his topic the theme, "Let the Church Reach Out." Rev. Ronald Johnson led in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21

Startown, First Baptist Church

32. The Friday morning session began with singing "Footsteps of Jesus" with Phillip Duncan leading and Rick Setzer at the piano. Mr. Duncan sang "People to People." Rev. Charles High led in the worship period.

33. Rev. I. D. Phillips, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome.

34. Mrs. J. Bruce Walker, WMU Director, presented her report which was adopted.

35. Rev. Fred Thompson, chairman of the Ordination Committee, presented their report which was adopted as printed.

36. The report on the Music Ministry was adopted as presented by Charles Brown.

37. Rev. Hemphill led in the memorial service—reading the names of the deceased from our churches.

38. Marse. Grant, Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, brought a missions message.

39. The hymn, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" was sung with Sidney Tanner leading.

40. J. Perry Abernethy, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the Resolutions which were adopted as printed in this issue.

41. The following occurred during the miscellaneous business session:

Rev. Homer Bradey, Director of Central Training School, promoted the World Missions Conference being held in our association in February.

Rev. Garland Early spoke in support of the South Mountain Baptist Camp.

A motion by Dr. Smoot Baker, was adopted as amended: That we recommend to the Program Committee for next year to have a Doctrinal sermon and that it be given by one of our pastors.

A motion by Dr. Baker, was adopted as amended: That there be a place for miscellaneous business on both days next year and that this be referred to the Program Committee.

Rev. Fred Thompson asked that the young lady who had asked for clarification several times be recognized and commended for her attention. She is Debbie Bryson, a messenger from the East Hickory Church.

42. Mr. White reported 112 messengers and 25 visitors from 28 churches. The hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was sung. Moderator Walker asked for the personal privilege to express appreciation for allowing him to serve as Moderator and expressed thanks to Miss Cater and Mr. Hemphill for their assistance.

43. Special music was brought by a Ministers of Music ensemble—Sidney Tanner, Paul McManus, Edgar Lineberger, David Byler, Phillip Duncan, Charles Brown, Harold Ellis, and accompanied by Mrs. Louise Leibe. They sang "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

44. The closing message was brought by Dr. Gene L. Watterson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelby.

45. Rev. Phillips gave directions for the lunch. Rev. Billy Emmett led in the blessing and benediction.

46. A delicious meal was served by the host church.

47. The total registration for the two days was 162 messengers and 75 visitors, a total of 237. The East First Street, Fairbrook and Winkler's Grove churches were not represented.

The weather was clear and pleasant both days.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Miss Mae Bolick, H. F. Wallace, Mrs. H. F. Wallace
CALVARY (4) Rev. Fred Thompson (Pastor), M. L. Adair, Mrs. J. L. Pate, Mrs. Fred Thompson
CATAWBA (4) Rev. Charles C. Lanier, J. O. Gregory, Edna Danner, Susie Danner, (4 visitors)
CENTRAL (6) Rev. J. Bruce Walker (Pastor), Miss Martha Eggers, Miss Brenda Evans, Ernest McGalliard, Mrs. Ernest McGalliard, Mrs. Rachel Walker
CLAREMONT, FIRST (4) Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor), Ross Little, I. L. Mitchell, Margaret P. Mitchell, (2 visitors)
CORINTH (6) Mrs. Braskie Brown, Mrs. Luther Costner, Prue Peeler, C. F. Rudisill, Mrs. C. F. Rudisill, Miss Velma Stallings, (3 visitors)
EAST FIRST STREET (5) None
EAST HICKORY (8) Debbie Bryson, Mrs. Bessie Canipe, Mrs. Pauline J. DeHart, Mrs. Paul Lane, Betty Reeves, Mamie Seagle, Carrie Smith, Sidney E. Tanner, (1 visitor)
FAIRBROOK (4) None
FAIRGROVE (4) Mrs. J. B. Isbell, Mrs. Edward Parsons
HICKORY, FIRST (18) Dr. Billy T. Mobley (Pastor), Frank Barlow, Mrs. J. Frank Barlow, C. W. Broome, Frelon Broome, R. D. Buie, David Byler, Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., Donald E. Greene, Mrs. Richard Hatley, Mrs. R. C. Leibe, Jr., E. C. Link, Mrs. E. C. Link, Mrs. Billy T. Mobley, Larry Phillips, Lucile Whitener
HIGHLAND (16) Rev. Charles H. High (Pastor), Rev. Roy Beals, Phillip R. Duncan, Walter Holt, Douglas West, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White, Mrs. Coline Forbes, Rick Setzer

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) Dr. Ben A. Byrd (Pastor), J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Mrs. Virgil Mosteller, Mrs. Allen Stafford, Mrs. J. J. Temple, (3 visitors)
 ICARD, FIRST (6) Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), John Church, Rev. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. A. V. Ledford
 LAKEVIEW (6) Rev. Walter Cooley (Pastor)
 LONGVIEW (4) Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr. (Pastor), Mrs. Glen Ramsey, Mrs. Viola Maynor, Leonard Tolbert, (1 visitor)
 MOUNTAIN GROVE (7) Rev. Homer E. Bradey (Pastor), Mrs. Homer Bradey, Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Rev. Larry Penley, Mrs. Larry Penley, Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Mrs. W. H. Whitener
 NEWTON, FIRST (10) Mrs. James E. Britt, Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Mrs. Lillie Drum, Clinton Hedgepath, Mrs. C. H. Hedgepath, Rev. Alvin A. Walker
 NORTH NEWTON (7) Harold Ellis, Mrs. Dewey Butler, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Jerrel Stewart, M. J. Upchurch, Mrs. M. J. Upchurch, Clarence Wilson (1 visitor)
 OXFORD (5) Rev. Bobby Langston (Pastor), J. J. Black, Mrs. Helen Curtis, Mrs. Bobby Langston, Ken McCray, (11 visitors)
 PENELOPE (13) Rev. Aubrey D. Folk (Pastor), Mrs. Louie Baker, Mrs. O. H. Cook, W. A. Cook, Mrs. W. A. Cook, Mrs. A. D. Folk, Mrs. Colon Kanipe, Donald F. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Yoder
 PROVIDENCE (4) Rev. Ben Hall (Pastor), Yates Abernethy, Mrs. Ruth Y. Abee, M. S. Brittain, (2 visitors)
 SANDY RIDGE (8) Rev. Homer F. Greene (Pastor), Lillie Ellis, Mrs. Alvin Lane, Mrs. Mailon Nichols
 SPRINGS ROAD (9) Rev. Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Mrs. Wray G. Barrett, Mrs. Edward Delp, Betty Smith
 STARTOWN, FIRST (3) Rev. I. D. Phillips (Pastor), Floyd I. Davis, Mrs. A. C. Woody, (13 visitors)
 SWEETWATER (4) Rev. Ronald G. Johnson (Pastor)
 TEMPLE (7) Rev. J. Garland Early (Pastor), Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Ann Early, Wayne McDowell
 UNITY (3) Rev. Wilborn H. Merck (Pastor)
 VIEWMONT (15) Rev. Albert A. Young (Pastor), Charles R. Brown, Mrs. Janette Bumgarner, Mrs. Robert Drum, Rev. Billy Emmett, Frank Poovey, Mrs. Jack Whitener
 WARLICK'S (6) Rev. Matt L. Hastings (Pastor)
 WAYSIDE (3) Rev. Rector Henson (Pastor), Mrs. Edith Cook, Harry Curtis, (6 visitors)
 WEST HICKORY (12) Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), O. A. Buff, Mrs. O. A. Buff, James W. Coble, Mrs. James W. Coble, Rev. R. M. Heavner, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Edgar Lineberger, Mrs. Edgar Lineberger, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Mary Shell, Mrs. Lula Stallings, (2 visitors)
 WINKLER'S GROVE (10) None
 WOODLAWN (7) Rev. Harld L. Threatt (Pastor), D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Paul McManus, Mrs. David Stewart, (1 visitor)
 CATAWBA VALLEY (Taken under Watchcare at this session) Peggy B. Turner, Mrs. Perry L. Wilkinson
 Visitors from outside the association—12
 Musicians from outside the association—11

Reports

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dr. Smoot Baker

The purpose of the American Bible Society has remained unchanged throughout the years—the translation, publication and distribution of Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment and without profit. Since 1816 the American Bible Society has been making God's Word available to spiritually hungry people everywhere. At least one book of the Bible has been translated into more than 1,600 languages as of December 31, 1976.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT WAS DONE IN 1976 FOLLOW:

- By the end of the year work had been undertaken in providing Scriptures in 286 languages—
- Help in translating directly and indirectly was given in 560 languages—52 of these projects are in Europe, including work in Polish and Chinese—
- Scripture distribution in the United States reached a total of 114,769,046 copies—
- Scripture imprints produced were 15,227,850—
- Contributions to the United Bible Societies World Service Budget totaled \$5,649,892.

THE SOCIETY ASSISTS OUR CONVENTION IN THESE WAYS:

- The GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS Scripture Literacy Selections widely used in Brazil more than doubled last year—
- Two training seminars were held for the New Reader Program in Central and Eastern Java—
- Twelve translation projects are underway in Europe. Recently German speaking Baptists received 3,000 German language Bibles from the United Bible Societies—
- The European Baptist Federation has proclaimed 1977 as the "Year of the Bible" for churches there by asking members to emphasize Bible reading in their churches throughout the year.

The American Bible Society appreciates the steady support from our Convention. If the more than 9 million members of Southern Baptist Churches increased their support to \$.05 per member, this would mean \$468,100 would be available to help the Society have Scriptures needed by our Convention for its ministries around the world.

Continue your prayers and financial support that this Society will be able to carry on its vital work.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

Edgar L. Lineberger

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides retirement, life, medical and disability benefits for workers and staff members of the churches in the Convention. The Board now has a new program which goes into effect January 1, 1978. This program was accepted by all State Conventions.

According to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Board, stated that the Board paid \$17,138,343 in benefits to 11,925 widows, retired or disabled members in 1976. During its 59 years of service, the Board has paid more than \$158 million in retirement and protection benefits.

A 13th Check amounting to one month's income was mailed for the eleventh time to annuitants. The combined amount of this extra benefit came to \$830,525.

The Board held in trust funds totaling \$472,218,669 for retirement benefits for almost 45,000 members for the year ending in 1976.

In North Carolina as of March 31, 1977, 2,787 staff members of 2,196 churches and associations are participating in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program; 2,491 in the Family Benefit Section; 1,275 in the Age Security Section and 240 in the Variable Benefit Section.

In the Theron Rankin Association, 29 churches and 38 staff members are in the Annuity Board plans.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Cooley

The Association Office Committee met on May 10 and made recommendations on salary and benefits for the 1977-78 budget of the association. These figures are contained as printed in the report of the Finance Committee.

We recommend that a description of the Office Committee duties be added to the Promotional Secretary's Job Description as printed in the minutes under Article IV, Section 15 of the BY-LAWS.

Also, we recommend that the description of vacation, sick leave and holidays be added to the Job Description as follows:

VIII. VACATION, SICK LEAVE, AND HOLIDAYS

1. Promotional Secretary will have two (2) weeks vacation each year with pay, not accumulating from one year to the next.
2. Promotional Secretary will have five (5) days personal leave each year, not accumulating from one year to the next.
3. Promotional Secretary will observe Thanksgiving Day, New Years Day, Easter Monday, July 4, Labor Day, and one working day before Christmas Day, Christmas Day, and one working day after Christmas Day as holidays with closing of the Association Office.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton C. P. A.

In accordance with your request, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1977, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$2,127.03: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1977, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$22,245.56: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings and Loan Association of \$13,564.46 and at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of \$8,681.10 on September 30, 1977, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$19,009.56: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$18,493.03: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expense of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(A complete report of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations, Cash, and Analysis of Cash, made by Mr. Melton will be distributed to each church at the November Executive Committee meeting and a copy will be on file in the Association office if you desire to see it.—Helen Cater)

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Rev. Albert A. Young

There is a certificate hanging on the wall of my study from Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine stating that Baptist Hospital ministers to both body, mind and soul.

Last year, 158,863 visits were made to the Outpatient Department and the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics. That is more than 12,000 patients a month. In addition there were 22,365 admissions to the hospital. That is nearly 1,900 patients per month or about 270 per week. These patients came from 90 counties in North Carolina, 29 other states and 3 foreign countries.

Baptist Hospital is a teaching institution. In cooperation with Wake Forest University and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, it helped to train 1,188 students last year in medicine and allied health fields. In addition there were 87 graduate students in the basic sciences, and the hospital provided clinical facilities for 483 student nurses from 3 nearby schools of nursing and for 120 students in other allied schools and also the School of Pastoral Care enrolled a total of 75 students in various levels of clinical pastoral education for a total of 765 students. This is a grand total of 1,953 students.

There is a preaching ministry at Baptist Hospital. Four services a week are conducted in Davis Chapel. Through the School of Pastoral Care the gospel makes an impact also.

In our association last year the Mother's Day gifts, which goes to help pay expenses for those who cannot pay, amounted to \$11,963.70. The total Mother's Day offering last year was \$411,225.56 as compared to a total of \$405,946.52 the preceding fiscal year which ends June 30 each year.

Baptist Hospital is more than a hospital; it is a caring, competent medical center.

Healing is the aim of the hospital for both body, mind and soul.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

B. J. Abernethy

Baptist men have been active in the local church in our association this year, thanks to the leaders and pastors who have shown interest.

On the associational level we made plans and had state workers enlisted to conduct a Training Workshop last January 24; however, the weather man had other plans, seven inches of snow and ice. We plan another one this fall or winter.

Thanks to Pastor Ben Hall and others, we held a track meet in the association this year. From there we sent full teams to the State Track Meet which was held at Gardner-Webb College. There we came away with a first place win and placed third and fourth in others. Our RA boys are to be congratulated.

August and September were busy months for state rallies and workshops. Five were held in this area in these two months.

It has been a real JOY for me to work with the few churches I have been privileged to be in this year. May the Lord bless as never before in the coming year.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Paul S. Kennedy

(Report not received)

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL
Rev. Homer E. Bradey

The 1977 Central Training School was held February 21-23 at the West Hickory Church in cooperation with the State and SBC Sunday School Departments conducting a Bible Teaching-Learning Workshop. Other churches in this area were invited to attend and a total of 54 churches were represented with 26 of these from our association. The enrollment was 511 with an average attendance of 412.

We express our appreciation to Harold Craig who has served so faithfully as Director of the Central Training School for the past eleven years as he goes to a new field of service in Durham.

We are looking forward to our World Missions Conference on February 12-16, 1978 at the Highland Church when we will have with us eight foreign, eight home and four state missionaries. They will be speaking in your churches on Sunday morning, February 12. On Sunday evening we will have a Missions Fair and Rally at the Highland Church. Dr. Cecil Ray, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will speak during the Rally. The missionaries, with curios and costumes from the country where they will serve, will be in the Fellowship Hall before and after the Rally to talk with your people.

On Monday through Thursday we will hear two missionaries each evening. During the mornings we are planning four luncheon meetings in other churches and the missionaries will be sharing information with us.

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1—Accept a missionary speaker for Sunday morning, February 12.
- 2—Provide lodging, breakfast, evening meal (lunch on Sunday) and transportation for one missionary while in Hickory.
- 3—Provide through your church budget or love offering an amount equal to 10 cents per member for honorarium and travel for the missionaries.
- 4—Cooperate with the Sunday evening and Monday through Thursday activities by cancelling local church services.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Rev. J. Garland Early

Baptists of North Carolina are deeply involved in the ministry of Christian Higher Education through the support of six colleges and one university: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wingate and Wake Forest University. During the 1976-1977 academic year, 13,733 persons were enrolled in the seven schools. The number graduating in May 1977 was 2,493.

One strong emphasis of Baptist colleges is the preparation of pastors, missionaries, and other church vocation volunteers. In the fall of 1976, there were 846 persons preparing for church-related vocations at North Carolina Baptist Colleges.

The recruitment of more Baptist young people is a major concern of the colleges. Pastors and other church leaders are urged to encourage the youth from Baptist churches to attend a Baptist college.

Most of the students attending a North Carolina Baptist college receive some form of financial assistance. Each of the colleges pledges to assist needy students financially in order to make available the educational experience at a Christian

college. An offering is received on Father's Day each year to provide aid for North Carolina Baptist young people. Students who need to apply for financial aid should make application to college early in the junior year of high school. Grants, loans and work scholarships are available for those who need them.

North Carolina Baptist colleges continue to be grateful for generous financial support through the Cooperative Program. The colleges reaffirm their support and partnership in missions with the churches, and offer the services of faculty, students and other campus resources to make the Bold Mission emphasis of Southern Baptists a vital and successful ministry.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Dr. William J. Furr

(Moved away from this Association)

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. M. S. Brittain

In II Timothy 2:15, Paul wrote: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

God has not ceased to use the printed page. The unique example of Christian writing at its best, God's messages in the Bible are applicable today as when they were first revealed.

Our Sunday School Board in Nashville publishes millions of books, magazines, tracts and quarterlies. We have well printed, sound Baptist periodicals for every age, spiritual interest and need.

We have missions magazines to keep missions before us, both home and foreign. The BIBLICAL RECORDER, our state paper, has been keeping our churches informed of events, especially in our state and also around the world. The CHARITY AND CHILDREN keeps us informed of the Children's Homes.

With all this well-written literature, Baptists should be the most informed people in the world. The Bible says, "To whom much is given, much is required."

God's Holy Word and these published materials, if prayerfully read, will bring us closer to God through Christ, as we come to learn His revealed will and purpose more fully.

So let each of us study to show ourselves approved unto God, that we may never be ashamed as we divide the word of truth with others.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Mrs. Smoot Baker

Church Training is alive and well in the Theron Rankin Association. Attesting to this are the following activities which were promoted by your Associational Church Training the past year:

October 14 a Mini-Leader Lab was conducted at Temple with 18 churches represented—

October 28 the Associational Officers met for overview and planning—

December 6 "M" Night at Penelope was conducted with 19 churches present in very inclement weather—

March 29 a Materials and Methods Conference met at Woodlawn with 9 churches coming through pouring rain—

May 7 Youth Night was held at Central Church with no count made—
September 18, 25 and 26 area conferences for Church Training Directors providing direction, encouragement and help for the coming year were at Central, East Hickory and Woodlawn—

Your Associational Director attended the Church Training Assembly at Caswell June 20-25, Church Training Leadership Week at Ridgecrest July 9-15 and was represented at the Regional meeting of the Associational Church Training Directors sponsored by the State Department.

Just as a baby is born to grow, so also babes in Christ are born into the Kingdom to grow as Christians. This is the purpose of this organization in the churches—to help those born spiritually to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour”—to become the strongest and most useful Christians possible with Christ’s help. And the Associational organization exists to give support and assistance to the local church in this work.

Your Director has visited local churches, had conferences with Directors, met with Church Training Councils, spoken at services in churches and tried to assist wherever needed and/or called upon.

Help for beginning a Church Training Program or for strengthening and encouraging an existing one will be gladly provided. This help is as near as your telephone, and your Associational officers stand ready.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bob H. Hillard

(No longer in this Association)

REPORT OF EVANGELISM

Rev. H. Phillip King

“Bold Mission” is the two year theme of Southern Baptists beginning October 1, 1977. Four Bold Missions will be called for as the church moves out into the world. MAKING DISCIPLES is of utmost importance. Statistics show that our figures are high on incoming membership, but low on sustained membership. Churches will be asked to take seriously the responsibility of training, Bible study cell groups, increased Sunday School attendance, and specialized involvement of lay-persons in ministry. Discipling calls for ministry to those who hurt with human need in Christ’s name and with Christ’s love. PLANTING NEW CHURCHES is the second facet of the emphasis. The Theron Rankin has foreseen the need to establish at least one new church with the purchase of property in the Catawba County Club section of our county. There are numerous areas in the U. S. where churches are needed—the populous Northeast, New England, the North Central and the Far-Western California-Oregon-Washington areas. LIFE COMMITMENT is a pressing need. Our seminary enrollments are up but there is much to be done. Approximately 10-15% of those in active church-related vocations either retire, die or drop-out of the ministry each year. Not only to keep up, but to increase the availability of personnel to established and mission outreach posts is a prime reason for life commitment. CALL OUT THE VOLUNTEERS is an effort to get lay-people to give one or two weeks a year to helping establish further the ministry of a pioneer church. Should your church people be interested, write Roy Edgemon, Director of Volunteer Project Correlation, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

One of the disappointing notes was the cancellation of our scheduled Associational Evangelism Emphasis October 9-12, 1977. Communications broke down

and no sufficient commitment could be acquired from the three outstanding personalities around whom the program was planned. At a later date we shall try to plan another emphasis.

Several bright spots in the Association's church reports will be baptisms and youth involvement. Several of our churches in the Newton-Conover area participated in an "Albert Long Happening." A number had groups at Caswell for the Youth Week emphasis. On August 19, Youth Evangelism Night, the Greensboro Coliseum seated approximately 12,000 youth sharing a common faith and goal in Christ. Some churches have held Youth Revivals; others have taken mission trips or held back-yard Bible Schools during the summer.

Should your church be planning a special type of evangelistic thrust, please advise the committee so that we too may rejoice or be involved with you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four regular sessions this year with average attendance of 24 from 20 churches. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. Moderator, Rev. Bruce Walker, presided over 2½ sessions and Vice-Moderator, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, presided over 1½ sessions.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

- gave the Extension Committee authority to do what they think best about disposition of old house on mission site. (The house was sold for \$200.00.)
- approved Trustees recommendation for awarding three Scholarships from budget.
- applied for \$2,500.00 lot aid from the Baptist State Convention. (We received \$2,000.00.)
- approved additions to the Job Description of the Promotional Secretary as contained in the report of the Association Office Committee.
- endorsed recommendation of the Membership Committee that the Catawba Valley Baptist Church near Newton, be taken under the watchcare of our Association.
- added Workman's Compensation Insurance for Miss Cater.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin A. Walker

The Extension Committee has done no new work this year. We are delighted to report that down payments on the mission site were met promptly after the association approved our report a year ago. The special committee to promote and collect money for this project had money in sight and collected in a matter of days. Our first annual payment is due November 2 to Mr. Yoder. We have enough on hand to make this payment, but the payment to Mr. James which comes due in February will require additional contributions as of September 20. We are encouraged with the gift of \$2,000.00 coming from the State Convention.

The spirit of concern in the Executive Committee is most heartening and in general there seems to be a genuine approval of this purchase. To acquaint our membership with the Mission Site project, I have provided inserts for the Theron Rankin News Letter.

Please make your check separately from any other gift and designate it for the Mission Site as we have a special account for this fund. Otherwise some official will have to write a special transfer check to this account. This will be done cheerfully

however if you forget and include everything in one check. We urge you to respond to the solicitations of "Pete" Broome and Bruce Teague as they promote the payments for this land.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Richard R. Fisher

The "Bold Mission Thrust," the Southern Baptist plans of giving the gospel to all the people in the world by the close of the century has been met with encouraging response.

Mission work is now being projected into 84 countries with plans for large scale urban evangelism, increased radio ministries, emphasis upon publications and church development.

The year 1976 brought less radical change of major disturbance than other recent years. There was worldwide economic improvement with problems in some places and currency devaluation in other countries.

Some encouragement is seen in the drop in the annual population increase to 1.64 percent giving as a projected total world population of 5.4 billion by A. D. 2,000. However the threat of overpopulation and famine is now removed, but merely deferred.

The major new focus of conflict and crisis is seen in Rhodesia with some hope of the possibility of peaceful transition to black control. Also in the Republic of South Africa, violence has increased reflecting a struggle for control.

Total number of missionaries reached a record 2,715 bringing an increase of 48 over 1976. Of this number, 2,321 are career missionaries, 218 missionary associates, 172 journeymen, and 4 special project workers.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reached a total of \$26,145,220 in gifts exceeding the \$26 million mark for the first time.

The major natural disaster of the year included earthquakes in Italy, Guatemala, Turkey, Philippines, and China where the greatest loss of life was suffered from any such disaster in many centuries.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. Larna Robbins

The 21st annual session of the association was held on October 21-22 at CATAWBA CHURCH and FIRST CHURCH, HILDEBRAN, the message on Thursday was delivered by Dr. Cecil Ray and on Friday by Dr. Forrest Feezor. Noteworthy actions taken by the Association at the meeting are as follows:

1. Voted to purchase six acres of land south of Hickory for possible future church site (and a gift of one extra acre from Mr. Norman James).
2. Adopted a \$19,197.00 budget plus a \$2,500.00 goal for church extension.
3. Voted to meet next year with ICARD, FIRST and STARTOWN, FIRST.
4. Adopted resolutions on TV viewing, abortion and citizenship and encouraged churches to take similar action.
5. Accepted withdrawal of CALVARY, HICKORY from the Association.

Numerous other noteworthy changes have been made in our association during the year. SWEETWATER has as their new pastor, Rev. Ronald Johnson, Rev. Rector Henson is now pastor of WAYSIDE. Mrs. Martha Hatmaker, a graduate of Southern Seminary, is now serving as Educational Secretary at FIRST, HICKORY.

Rev. Bob Hillard has resigned as pastor of NORTH NEWTON. Dr. William J. Furr, pastor, FIRST, NEWTON, has resigned to take a church in Winston-Salem. "M" Night was held on December 6 at PENELOPE. HIGHLAND called as their Minister of Education and Youth, Rev. Douglas West formerly of Gastonia and he

began his work in December. Mrs. Jack Mull is the new Financial and Records Secretary at PENELOPE. Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr. has resigned as pastor of FIRST, HICKORY. Mrs. Nancy Campbell is now director of the Child Development Center at FIRST, HICKORY. The Association-wide Home Mission Study was held in February at HIGHLAND with over 200 attending. Central Training School was held at WEST HICKORY in February. Charles Brown of VIEWMONT was in charge of the Music Conference held at PENELOPE on January 31. MOUNTAIN GROVE, Rev. Homer Bradey pastor, has purchased a new church bus and a Baby Grand piano. Mrs. I. D. Phillips, wife of the pastor of STARTOWN, FIRST, is now a State Approved worker for Mission Friends. NORTH NEWTON has begun two new WMU groups, "Round Table" and "Mission Action." WMU projects by various churches in the association were furnishing 500 pairs of panty hose for women in prison and Christmas gifts for two Senior Citizens parties sponsored by the Catawba County Council on Aging. OXFORD, Rev. Bobby Langston, pastor, is erecting a two-story addition to their educational space. Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor of WOODLAWN, has returned from preaching mission to Jamaica and Haiti. Miss Janie Ellis, former secretary at VIEWMONT, is serving one year as secretary to the Japanese Baptist Convention. CENTRAL was host at the Associational Youth Rally on May 7. WOODLAWN had their first GA/Acteens Recognition Service in May.

Robert Lawson Cooke, Shari Diane Lafone and Michael Robin Rowe received Associational Scholarships of \$350.00 each this year. HIGHLAND called as their Minister of Music and Outreach, Phillip Duncan, who began work here in June. Harold Craig, who had served for fifteen and one-half years at PENELOPE, resigned and is now serving a church in Durham. The following from our Association graduated from Southeastern Seminary this year: Richard Fisher, pastor of FAIR-GROVE, Miss Debbie Leonhardt from PENELOPE, Robert Deal from FIRST, HICKORY, and Raymond Camp from HIGHLAND. Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Stephens, missionaries to Indonesia, are on furlough this year and are living in a house furnished by PENELOPE. Mrs. Smoot Baker, Associational Training Director, and Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Phillips of STARTOWN, FIRST, served on the faculty at Caswell during Church Training week in June. As Associational Deacon-Pastor's Conference was held at CENTRAL in September with Rev. Ralph L. Cowan of Lancaster, S. C. in charge.

HICKORY, FIRST has called as their new pastor, Dr. Billy T. Mobley formerly of Ahoskie. Youth from HICKORY, FIRST took a trip to Glorieta this summer. Five children from CLAREMONT, FIRST won out in Children's Bible Drill. WOODLAWN youth went on a mission trip to Jamaica in July. Rev. R. J. Pressley has resigned as pastor of CORINTH to pastor a church in Waxhaw. Rev. Walter Coleman has resigned as associate pastor of HICKORY, FIRST to serve a church in Orangeburg, S. C. VIEWMONT honored Charles Brown, Minister of Music/Youth on his tenth anniversary there. CENTRAL, Rev. Bruce Walker, pastor, has paid off the debt on their pastoriom. SPRINGS ROAD celebrated their twentieth anniversary this year and have started a Newsletter. WEST HICKORY observed Pastor Appreciation Day in August in honor of their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Phillip King and family. Raymond Camp, former member of HIGHLAND, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in September. He has been called as pastor of a church in Virginia.

VIEWMONT honored Pastor, Albert A. Young, on his 25th anniversary as their pastor. WEST HICKORY celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the founding of their church. HICKORY, FIRST burned the note on their educational plant and received a will from the estate of Miss Nell Hagaman for \$180,000. They also purchased the Elliott property. CLAREMONT, FIRST held a Cornerstone laying and dedication service for their Sanctuary. EAST FIRST STREET, NEWTON dedicated their new fellowship and recreation building. NORTH NEWTON paid off their debt on their pastoriom. SANDY RIDGE broke ground on September 25 for a new sanctuary. TEMPLE organized a class for new members and began a Senior Citizens

Club. Both FAIRGROVE and OXFORD churches held their first GA/Acteens Recognition Services in August. Rev. Joe Coltrane has resigned as pastor of EAST HICKORY to go to Lewisville, N. C. PENELOPE presented Rev. J. Louis Price the Pastor Emeritus Award.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. Ben Hall

Bold Mission Thrust, the Home Mission Board's priority for the four-year period of 1976-1979, was developed and is being implemented in cooperation with the state conventions which provide leadership to the associations. Dr. William Tanner, the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, said that the purpose of it all is to assist Southern Baptist churches in their task in evangelizing and providing a congregational witness and ministry to the people of America.

May we as Baptists of the Theron Rankin Association make the Week of Prayer for Home Missions (March 5-12, 1978) a time for study, prayer and giving. The bold goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$13,000,000. Let every "church reach out" and give boldly of their time, prayer and money, then we can continue to express Christ's great love among all the people of the United States.

REPORT ON HOMES FOR THE AGING

Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill

North Carolina Baptists are making progress in their effort to minister to the aged people in our state. The ground was broken for our 6th Home in Asheville last October which will, when finished, accommodate 50 residents. Four duplex apartments are under construction at our Hayes Home in Winston Salem that will house 16 residents.

Gifts from our churches through the Cooperative Program and the 3rd Sunday offering in February constitute about 35% of the budget of the Homes much of which is used to supplement the cost of the residents who cannot afford to pay the total cost of their care.

The number of elderly people in our state is steadily growing. That means we are being challenged to make plans and preparation to care for an increasing number of these people. This calls for a greater concern and deeper commitment on the part of individuals and churches.

One idea that deserves serious consideration, in the opinion of this reporter, is a large tract of land subdivided in building lots on which couples in their productive years, or on retirement, could build their homes and live normal lives in their sunset years. Nursing care, food service, recreation, etc. would be readily available at minimum cost. This idea is not new. It is working in some places, I understand. Whatever road we pursue we need to give and give freely to this worthy undertaking—a ministry of mercy.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold L. Threatt

The Membership Committee of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association was asked to consider a request from the newly organized Catawba Valley Baptist Church to come under the watchcare of our association.

This we did on March 1, 1977 and on August 23, 1977 the following recommendation was submitted, by our committee, to the Executive Committee of our association.

“In compliance with a request from the Catawba Valley Baptist Church, temporarily located four miles east of Newton, North Carolina on highway No. 10, to come under the watchcare of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, your membership committee met on Tuesday, March 1, 1977 at Woodlawn Baptist Church with the delegation from the above named church. The delegation was led by the pastor, Ted Turner and Carrol Lee, chairman of deacons.

After a period of thorough questioning, and the reading of the constitution, adopted by the Catawba Valley Baptist Church, the committee unanimously voted to recommend that their request to come under the watchcare of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association be granted.”

This report was accepted by the Association Executive Committee to be brought before the body at the annual session in October.

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY
Charles R. Brown

Another year has come and gone in our Association, but we hope it has not passed without some change for the better in each church, musically. The purpose of our associational music ministry has been and continues to be one of offering help to any and all churches that seek it.

Associational Music activities this past year have, of course, included an annual Associational Music Conference, which was held at Penelope Church with 114 people present from 15 churches. We enjoyed a delightful meal and a refreshing time of reading through several choral selections led by Sidney Tanner, Harold Ellis and Paul McManus.

Regional Choir Festivals were cancelled this past spring because of the energy crunch. Hopefully some of our church, youth and childrens choirs will be able to participate in the scheduled Regional Festivals this next year. There will be a State Adult Choir Festival-Workshop May 5-6, 1978 at the First Baptist Church of Statesville. The state Handbell Festival will be March 10-11 at First Baptist Church, Greensboro. The State Youth Choir Festival will be March 3-4 at First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem and the Regional Older Children’s Choir Festival will be at Mars Hill College, April 8.

Please call on your Associational Music officers, if you feel they may be of assistance to you in making the music ministry of your church more effective. Let’s strive this next year to sing “with the Spirit” and “with the understanding also.”

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Rev. Ben Hall

Clerk.	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer.	Frelon W. Broome
Historian	Mrs. Larna Robbins
Parliamentarian.	Rev. Homer E. Bradey
Trustees.	C. Van Teague, Chairman, Term expiring 1978
	William E. Burton, Jr., Term expiring 1979
	J. Rudy Roberts, Term expiring 1980
Sunday School Director	Rev. Walter Cooley
Church Training Director	Mrs. Smoot Baker
Woman’s Missionary Union Director	Mrs. J. Bruce Walker
Baptist Men’s Director	B. J. Abernethy
Music Director	Hendley Ellington

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Gary Whitener, Chairman, Fred Thompson, Mrs. Perry M. Starnes,
Host Pastors for the 1978 annual sessions
MEMBERSHIP: Rev. Wray Barrett, Chairman, Boyce B. Dobbins, Donald E. Greene,
Rev. Bobby A. Langston, Dr. Billy T. Mobley
RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Chairman, Rev. Billy Emmett, Mrs.
Henry Wallace, Miss Edna Danner, Frank Poovey
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Rev. Homer F. Greene, Chairman, R. D. Buie, Dr.
Smoot Baker
EXTENSION: Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Chairman, John F. Deal, Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr.,
Joe Watkins, Martin Frank
FINANCE: Fred M. Mull, Chairman, Bobby E. Robinson, J. Perry Abernethy, Miss
Martha Eggers, Rev. Richard Fisher, Earl L. Melton, Auditor, F. W. Broome,
Ex Officio
PLACE & PREACHER: J. Max Smith, Chairman, Rev. V. C. Martin, Rev. Ronald
G. Johnson, Rev. Matt L. Hastings, Sidney Tanner
CHRISTIAN LIFE: Rev. Harold L. Threatt, Chairman, John F. Hall, Rev.
Raymond E. Brown, Rev. Harvey Laughter, Rev. Aubrey Folk
ORDINATION: Rev. I. D. Phillips, Chairman, Rev. Ben Hall, Charles Craig, Rev. J.
Garland Early, Rev. David O. Byler
PUBLICITY: Dr. Larry Penley, Chairman, Mrs. Jeneil Stewart, Mrs. Lois DeHart
EVANGELISM: Rev. H. Phillip King, Chairman, Harold Ellis, Rev. Albert A. Young
ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Plus three associates from each of the host churches
ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Rev. Charles H. High, Chairman, Mrs. Richard Fisher,
Wayne McDowell, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Cecil Mull
CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Director, plus the head
of each program organization or their representative
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chairman, Bill Styers, Earl
Roberts
NOMINATING: (to be named by respective organizations)

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society	Charles R. Brown
Annuity Board	Rev. John Pollack
Baptist Hospital	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
Children's Homes	Paul S. Kennedy
Christian Education	Rev. Larry Phillips
Christian Literature	Dan Waters
Homes For Aging	Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill
Foreign Missions	Edgar L. Lineberger
Home Missions	Miss Doris Cope
State Missions.	Mrs. Larry Penley

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Fred Thompson

The Theron Rankin Committee on Ordination was invited by Highland Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Claremont to assist in examinations of brother Raymond Camp and brother James A. Pierce, respectively. Each candidate was unanimously approved and recommended for ordination into the Christian ministry.

The committee is happy to report that both men have been ordained and have received calls to serve. Brother Camp was ordained by the Highland Baptist Church on September 18. He has been called to serve as Pastor of Concord Baptist Church and Cullen Baptist Church, both of Cullen, Virginia. Brother Pierce was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Claremont on October 2. He has been called to serve as Pastor of Mountain Ridge Baptist Church, Route 2, Taylorsville.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Rev. Wray G. Barrett

The Place and Preacher Committee received invitations for the 1978 sessions of the association to meet with the Oxford Church and the Viewmont Church. Because of construction problems in their new building the Icard, First Church could not entertain us this year, so they arranged an exchange with the Oxford Church for this year.

Also, since the alternate for the annual sermon, Rev. Bob Hillard, is no longer in our association, we arranged for Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., to serve this year.

We recommend the following for the 1978 annual session: 1st Day—Icard, First Church; 2nd Day—Viewmont Church. We further recommend that the Rev. H. Phillip King preach the annual sermon with the Rev. Homer E. Bradey as alternate.

RESOLUTIONS

With thanks unto God for His gift of a Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, the messengers to the Theron Rankin Baptist Association wish to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Bobby A. Langston, Pastor, and members of the Oxford Baptist Church for their hospitality extended to us in the use of their facilities and for a delicious dinner served us Thursday evening. We also express our appreciation to Rev. I. D. Phillips, Pastor, and members of Startown, First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities and for providing us with a delicious lunch today.

We express our gratitude to Rev. Charles H. High, chairman, and members of the Program Committee and to all the program personalities who had a part in making this a meaningful Annual Session, and our special thanks to the Ministers of Music and accompanists for their part in making this a joyful session.

We wish to express our appreciation to Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Moderator, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Vice-Moderator, Miss Helen Cater, Clerk and Promotional Secretary, Mr. Frelon Broome, Treasurer, and Mr. V. H. White, Registrar, for their leadership as officers of the Association. We further express our gratitude to the various committees for their work this past year.

We further express our gratitude to the BSU Team from Wake Forest University for the special program and our deep appreciation to our visiting speakers for their inspirational messages—Dr. Craven Williams, President of Gardner-Webb College on Stewardship, Editor Marse Grant on Missions, Rev. Gene L. Watterson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelby, and Rev. Bruce Walker for the annual message to this the Twenty-Second Annual Session of our Association.

J. Perry Abernethy, Chairman
Rev. J. Louis Price
Rev. Matt L. Hastings
Mrs. Richard Fisher

THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
George F. Hemphill

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in Hickory:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1976	\$12,959.09
Deposits added this year	23.62
Dividends added this year	989.21
Total on Deposit in the two accounts	<u>\$13,971.92</u>

These funds are divided as follows:

Savings Certificate (4 year demand)	\$13,299.93
Account at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Interest (90 day demand)	\$ 671.99

These funds are designated as follows:

Permanent principal	\$11,951.43
Total dividends accumulated	\$ 2,020.49

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Mrs. Larry Penley

A bold step was taken for North Carolina Baptists this year. The churches were asked to give three and one half times as much more money than given last year for State Missions. The theme for this offering is "Opening the Door to Bold Missions" and the text for this comes from 1st Corinthians 16:19, "For a wide door of effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

The open door symbol allowed Paul to speak of the greatness of the Ministries before him. The State Missions offering is referred to as "Opening the Door" because if we reach the daring goal this year, doors could be opened for greater State Missions programs. It will provide \$185,000 for the 1977 State Missions Ministries and reduce the Conventions debts by \$1,200,000; the debts being: Fruitland Bible Institutes' new building, an auditorium at North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Caswell, Caraway Conference Center and the Baptist Building in Raleigh. The erasing of these debts would save \$150,000 in payments of interest that could be used for more missions causes.

Theron Rankin people have worked for State Missions this year in a different way than ever before. Twelve of our people went to Greensboro for a banquet and an interpreters training session. These served as interpreters in our Association by contacting churches, speaking, showing filmstrips, delivering materials and other ways that they could help the churches understand about the "Bold Step for North Carolina Baptists." On September 18, the date set for the special State Missions offering, these interpreters reported from 18 churches an offering of \$7,496.99. Since several of our churches were unable to give a report on the 18th, we are expecting this offering to go much higher.

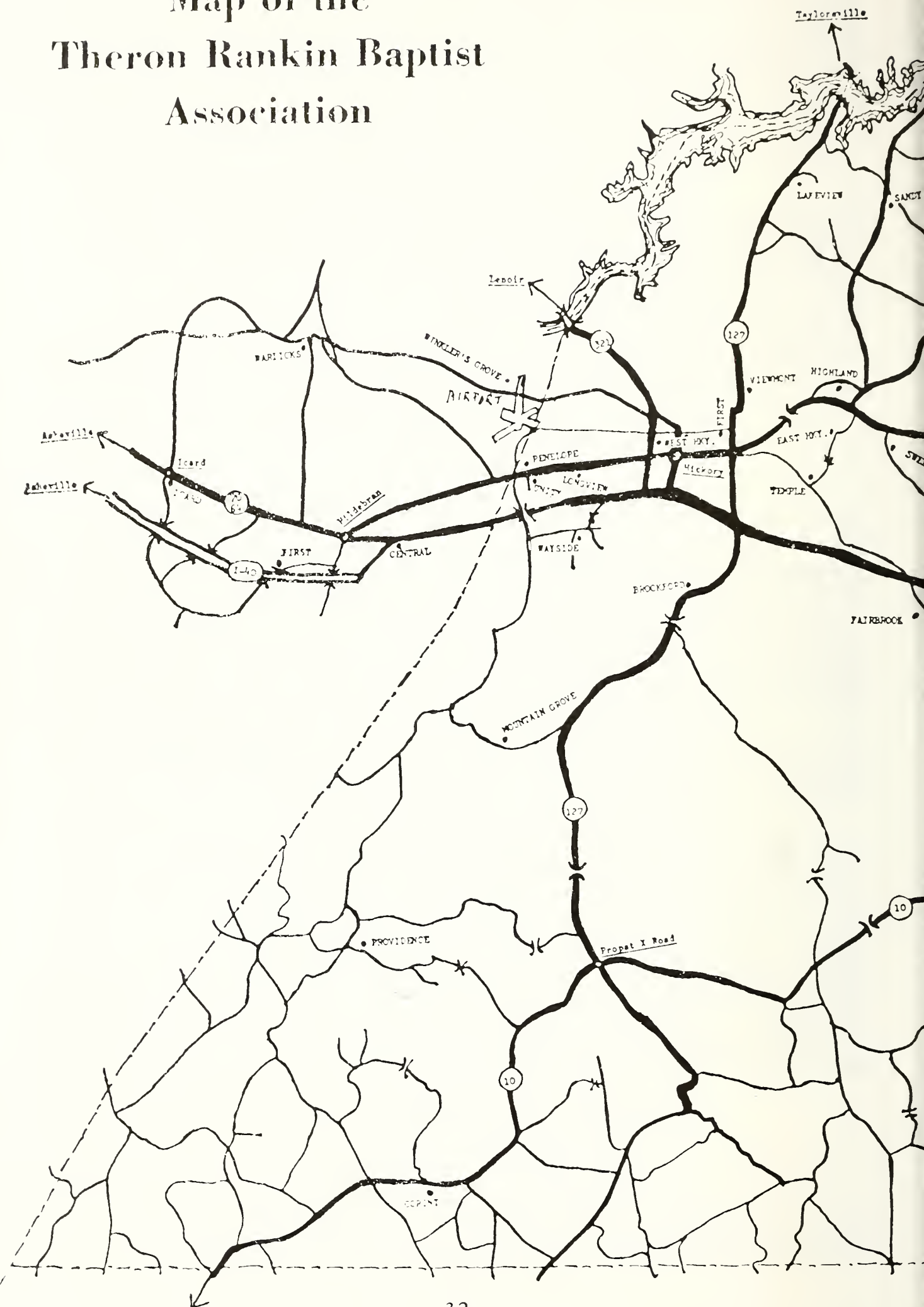
We appreciate these interpreters efforts and the offerings given this year for State Missions from our churches.

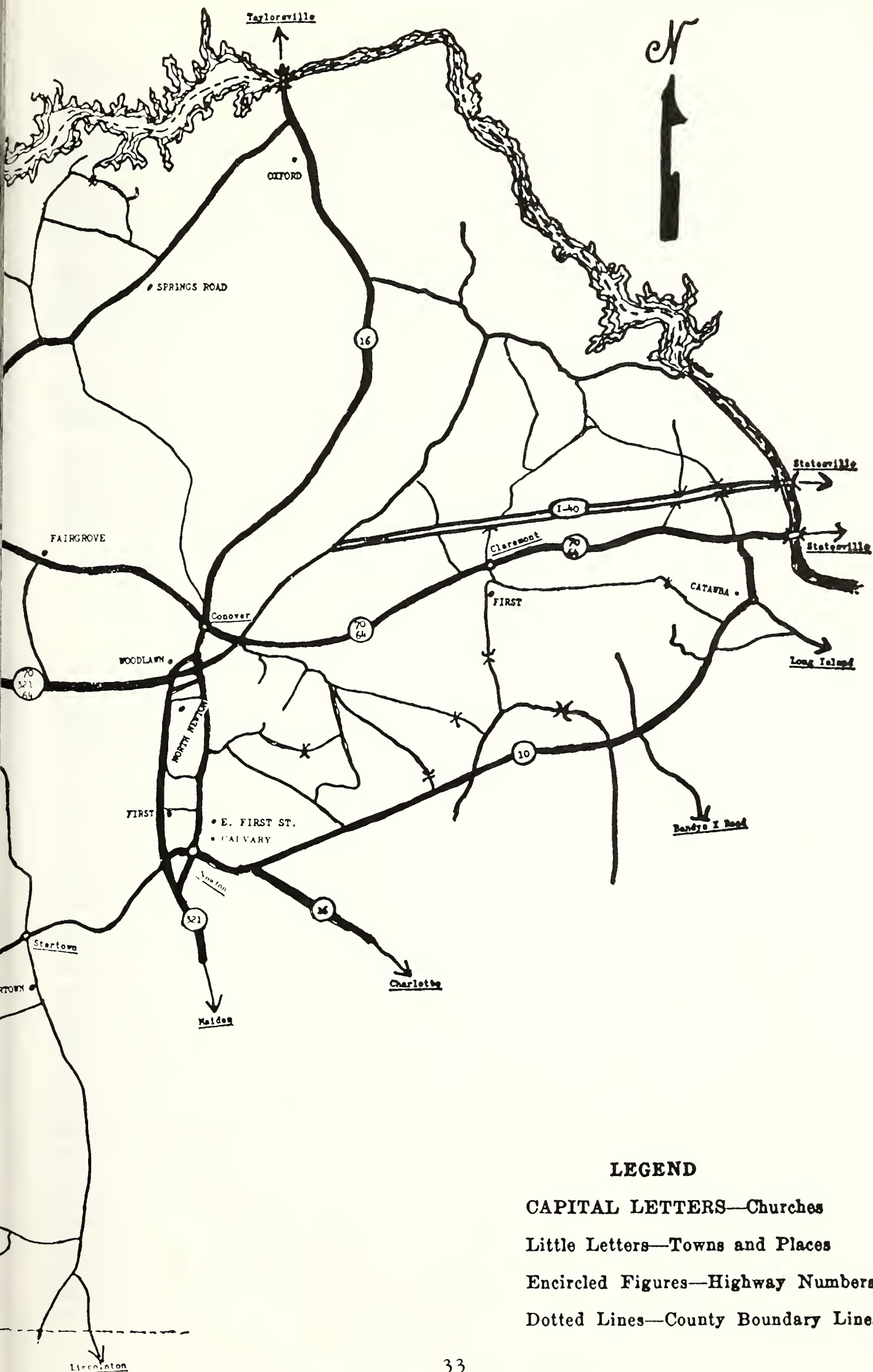
REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Raleigh Castelloe

During the 1976-77 associational year the age-group workers of the Sunday School have received several invitations to assist churches with conferences and workshops designed to assist the churches in improving their Bible Teaching Pro-

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





LEGEND

- CAPITAL LETTERS—Churches
- Little Letters—Towns and Places
- Encircled Figures—Highway Numbers
- Dotted Lines—County Boundary Lines

grams. We welcome these invitations and would like to have more churches call upon us for this type of service because this gives us an opportunity to study the needs of a particular church and match our efforts to those needs.

The associational Sunday School joined the Central Training School Committee in planning, promoting and conducting the Teaching/Learning Workshop at West Hickory Church, February 21-23, 1977. With the help of State Convention and Sunday School Board workers a time of evaluation, study and information about what is available in Sunday School programs and materials. We were joined by people from other nearby associations.

On May 5, 1977, the Vacation Bible School Clinic was held at the First Church, Hickory. The clinic was led by VBS Director, Sidney Tanner, and a corps of workers who had attended the State VBS Clinic at Ridgecrest on March 17-18. 132 workers from 25 churches were trained in our clinic. The work of Mr. Tanner and his colleagues in conducting the clinic and in promoting Vacation Bible Schools in our association is greatly appreciated. We had a very good year as Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in every church in our Association. Also, one group of Backyard Schools and one mission school was conducted.

Now, I would like to express my appreciation to you for allowing me to serve as Sunday School Director of the association for the past four years. It has been a real joy. However, I am looking forward to even greater progress as the Rev. Walter Cooley assumes the leadership of our associational Sunday School. Join me in supporting him in this work.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frelon Broome, Treasurer; Wayne McDowell, Chairman

	BUDGET GOAL THIS YEAR	AMOUNT REC'D 10-1-76	CHURCH EXT. REC'D THIS YEAR 9-30-77	BUDGET GOAL 1977-78
Brookford	\$ 144.00	\$ 65.00	75.00	\$ 146.00
Calvary, Newton	366.00	330.00	255.00	393.00
Catawba	250.00	241.00		214.00
Central	506.00	300.00		557.00
Claremont, First	181.00	120.00	56.66	196.00
Corinth	316.00	323.00		333.00
East 1st St., Newton	375.00	360.00		396.00
East Hickory	606.00	612.00*		621.00
Fairbrook	173.00	173.00*		199.00
Fairgrove	206.00	125.00		239.00
Hickory, First	2,411.00	2,500.00*		2,615.00
Highland	1,508.00	1,300.00		1,673.00
Hildebran, First	727.00	576.00		817.00
Icard, First	501.00	517.00*		542.00
Lakeview	469.00	471.25*	100.00	485.00
Longview	162.00	187.50	76.50	191.00
Mountain Grove	571.00	500.00		606.00
Newton, First	922.00	921.00*	675.00	936.00
North Newton	628.00	600.00		672.00
Oxford	241.00	230.00		296.00
Penelope	1,313.00	925.00		1,389.00
Providence	213.00	227.00*		222.00
Sandy Ridge	514.00	550.00*		725.00

Springs Road	592.00	592.00*	177.10	644.00
Startown, First	209.00	268.00*		240.00
Sweetwater	180.00	402.86**		190.00
Temple	455.00	401.15		501.00
Unity	192.00			210.00
Viewmont	1,361.00	1,287.57		1,489.00
Warlick's	298.00	287.00		318.00
Wayside	70.00	15.00		79.00
West Hickory	992.00	1,074.78*	200.00	1,033.00
Winkler's Grove	702.00			858.00
Woodlawn	843.00	660.00	100.00	892.00
TOTALS	\$19,197.00	\$17,142.11	\$1,715.26	\$20,917.00

The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9-30-76 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.

EACH CHURCH is requested to put an amount equal to \$1.00 per member in their 1978 Budget designated for Association Church Extension. THIS ITEM IS IN ADDITION TO YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

	DEPT. BUDGET			
	BUDGET	SPEC. RECTS.	EXP.	BUDGET
	1976-77	1976-77	1976-77	1977-78
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 184.50	\$ 343.46	\$ 250.00
Church Training	200.00		200.00	500.00
Woman's Missionary Union	400.00	316.50	716.50	400.00
Brotherhood	100.00	270.00	317.00	100.00
Music	100.00	149.00	156.50	100.00
Printing & Postage	600.00		588.52	600.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	300.00		300.00	300.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00		200.00	200.00
Scholarships (three)	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,050.00
Minutes	750.00		879.33	900.00
Central Training School	1,200.00	108.00	691.74	1,800.00
Evangelism	600.00			300.00
Youth Work	500.00		116.98	300.00
Salaries	7,582.00		7,582.00	8,000.00
Social Security (Assoc. part)	444.00		452.15	477.00
Medical/Life/Disab. Insur.	395.00		463.70	549.00
Car Allowance	550.00		550.00	700.00
Conv./Ridgecrest (Prom. Secy.)	500.00		226.00	500.00
Office Utilities	400.00		424.60	400.00
Office Supplies	600.00	357.53	656.25	600.00
Audio-Visual Aids	300.00		312.43	400.00
South Mtn. Baptist Camp	350.00		350.00	350.00
Office Help	100.00		62.25	100.00
Miscellaneous	471.80	35.19	358.13	605.00
Office Equipment & Maint.	350.00		123.49	350.00
Annuity	758.20		758.20	932.00

Christmas Bonus (Prom. Secy.)	146.00		146.00	154.00
TOTALS	\$19,197.00	\$1,420.72	\$18,025.23	\$20,917.00
Life Insurance		370.23	391.30	
Church Extension (desig.)		76.50	76.50	
TOTALS	\$19,197.00	\$1,867.45	\$18,493.03	\$20,917.00

SUMMARY—October 1, 1976—September 30, 1977

Balance on hand on October 1, 1976		\$ 1,610.50
Receipts: from the churches	\$17,142.11	
Sale of supplies	357.53	
Life Insurance (designated)	370.23	
Music Conference (dinner)	149.00	
Church Extension (to be trans. to spec. acct.)	76.50	
VBS Clinic (supper)	184.50	
WMU (dinner)	316.50	
RA Track Meet	270.00	
Central Training School (sale of books)	108.00	
State sales tax refund	35.19	
Total receipts during this period		\$19,009.56
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		\$20,620.06
Less disbursements (listed above)		\$18,493.03
Balance on hand on September 30, 1977		\$ 2,127.03

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate, 6¾% (30 mo. demand)		
First Savings & Loan	\$12,686.22	
Dividends added this year	878.24	\$13,564.46
Account, 5¾% (90 day notice)		
Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan	\$ 4,378.93	
Dividends added this year	259.15	\$ 4,638.08
Account, 5¼% (on demand)		
Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan	\$ 3,836.25	
Dividends added this year	206.77	\$ 4,043.02
Total on deposit in the three accounts on September 30, 1977		\$22,245.56
(Total interest added this year from the three accounts—\$1,344.16)		

CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNT

November 1976—received from individuals for down payment	\$7,600.00
11-3-76 down payment to Gerald Yoder	5,220.00
	2,380.00
11-3-76 Catawba County Tax Collector	5.82
	2,374.18
11-8-76 Recording deed and deed of trust	7.00
	2,367.18
2-14-77 down payment to Norman S. James	2,000.00
	367.18
Receipts: sale of old house	200.00
from the churches (see Treasurer's report)	1,715.26
from the Baptist State Convention	2,000.00
Balance on hand on September 30, 1977	\$4,282.44

Payments due in November and February	\$6,586.20
Amount needed above receipts to make these payments	\$2,303.76

REPORT OF TRUSTEES Harold E. Deal

Eight applications were received for the three available scholarships of \$350.00 each. All were considered and all were exceptionally worthy. After much deliberation, the Trustees recommended the following: Robert Lawson Cooke (2nd year), Icard, First Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College; Miss Shari Diane Lafone, Viewmont Church, to attend Mars Hill College; Michael Robin Rowe, West Hickory Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College.

As the legal representatives of the Association, the Trustees signed the documents in the purchase of both the Gerald Yoder and the Norman S. James properties.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION Mrs. J. Bruce Walker

Woman's Missionary Union has emphasized our 1976-77 theme "Teach Missions—to Know, to Grow" in various ways. We have tried to train our leaders to realize the importance of informing the people of local churches about mission needs and progress. By doing this, people respond to the support of missions.

Through Associational activities, we have sought to bring about a closer relationship among the women of our churches. In November, our women responded in an overwhelming manner to the request for hosiery to be sent to the women at the prison in Raleigh. Again, in December we shared in the spirit of Christmas by providing gifts for the senior citizens of Catawba County. This was done in cooperation with the Catawba County Council on Aging.

In spite of snow, ice and bad driving conditions, we had tremendous attendance at the study of the Home Mission Graded series books. Many men and boys joined us for this study.

To show our love and appreciation for our pastors and staff members, a banquet was held in their honor in April. Using the theme, "The Missions Education Team," we enjoyed a delightful evening of food, fellowship and inspiration.

THERON RANKIN ANNUAL W. M. U. MEETING Mrs. Jimmy Stephens

A banquet was given honoring pastors and their wives for the annual WMU meeting, Thursday April 28, 1977 at First Church, Hickory.

The theme of the banquet was "The Missions Education Team." All adult members of local church WMU were invited. Mrs. Bruce Walker, WMU Director, welcomed all members. A prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Mrs. Richard Fisher from Fairgrove Church.

Dinner was then served—a meal consisting of green beans, ham, baked apples and biscuits. Ice cream was served for dessert.

Mrs. James Glenn, from First Church, Hickory introduced the ministers and their wives. Mrs. Bruce Walker, WMU Director, then gave us some facts on our State WMU, one being our State having the largest WMU organization in the SBC.

Rev. Bruce Walker, from Central Church, led in a special prayer for the installation of officers for 1977-78.

The First Church, Hickory presented a promotional feature called "Minding the Future." The highlight of the program came when Rev. Harold Threatt of Woodlawn Church showed his slides of Jamaica and Haiti. We were all impressed and inspired to do more for our missionaries and the people there.

Our Prayer Calendar and prayer of commitment was presented by Mrs. I. D. Phillips of First Church, Startown. There were 214 present representing 20 churches. We feel our annual WMU meeting was a complete success.

In Memoriam

BROOKFORD:

Rev. W. C. Laney (Pastor)
Mrs. Lucy Simpson
Mr. Roy Wilson

CALVARY, NEWTON:

Mrs. Craig Lisk
Mrs. Ella Mae Wilson
Mr. Gary Caskey
Mrs. Juanita Schoenwald

CATAWBA:

Mrs. Pansy E. Hubbard

CORINTH:

Mr. Carl Whitworth

EAST FIRST STREET:

Mr. Samuel Lee McGee
Mrs. Crissie Bell Paysour

FAIRGROVE:

Mr. Kenneth Bristow

EAST HICKORY:

Mrs. Annie Abernethy
Mrs. Della Denton
Mr. Claude Gregg
Mrs. Irene Middleton

HICKORY, FIRST:

Mrs. Leola Linder
Mrs. L. B. Bolick
Miss Willie Bryan
Mr. Jones Hodges
Mrs. C. S. Whitener
Mr. John Sanders
Mr. J. L. Maness (Deacon)
Mrs. J. B. Lemmond
Mrs. A. F. Fullbright
Mr. Robert Goolsby
Mr. Reeves Walker
Mrs. F. O. Bishop
Mr. W. B. Hart
Mr. Otto Bowles (Deacon)
Mr. A. J. Presslar, Sr. (Deacon)
Mrs. A. J. Presslar, Sr.
Mrs. Carl L. Brooks, Sr.
Mrs. B. K. Dellinger

Mrs. Dewey Yoder

Mr. Claude Hutto

Mrs. O. D. Barrs

WEST HICKORY:

Mr. M. E. Rhyne
Mr. George Greene
Mrs. M. C. Caldwell
Mr. W. Tate Powell
Mrs. Judy Shaw
Mrs. Gene Rhyne
Mr. Homer W. Raby
Mrs. D. J. Beach
Mrs. Robert Benfield
Mrs. Carl Ward
Mr. Vance L. Ward, Jr.
Mr. Alonzo J. Teague
Mr. Pink Carswell
Mr. James D. Brittain
Mr. Wyatt Reep

HIGHLAND:

Mrs. R. N. Penland
Everette Guthrie (Deacon)
Mr. W. E. Stafford
Mr. Fred R. Jones
Mrs. Taner Duncan
Mr. Clyde Duncan
Mr. Clayton McCall
Mrs. Vance Benfield
Mr. Roy Shook

HILDEBRAN, FIRST:

Mr. Earl Abernethy
Mrs. Pearl Page
Mrs. Ida Cline

ICARD, FIRST:

Mrs. John Church
Mr. Don Laney (Deacon)
Mr. James Stamey, Sr.
Mr. D. B. Snipes
Mrs. George Heavner
Mr. Bill Lingerfelt
Mrs. Marie Abee
Mrs. Maude Berry

LAKEVIEW:

Mr. James Williams

LONGVIEW:

Mrs. Arthur Cochran

Mr. Wayne Maynor

MOUNTAIN GROVE:

Mr. Guy Rockett

Mrs. Lillie Wilson

Mrs. Grace Huffman

NEWTON, FIRST:

Mr. Paul Clark

Mr. Avery Lawing

Mrs. Minnie Abernethy

Mr. C. D. Jessup

Mrs. Charles Deal

Mrs. Julia Wilson

Mr. James Britt (Deacon)

NORTH NEWTON:

Mr. Joe Hester

Mrs. Yates Benfield

Mrs. Luther Arndt

OXFORD:

Mrs. Mary Lail

PENELOPE:

Mrs. Jerry Johnson

Mrs. J. E. Crump

Mr. Edd Young

Mr. J. P. Mull

Mr. A. F. Sentelle

Mrs. Tom Seagle

Mr. Charles Harwell

PROVIDENCE:

Mr. C. Thomas Weaver (Deacon)

SWEETWATER:

Mr. Jim Sweet

Mr. Frank Goans

STARTOWN, FIRST:

Mrs. Sue Conner

Mr. Hester Star (Deacon)

TEMPLE:

Mrs. Goldie McIntyre

Mrs. Hugh Whitener

Mr. John Smyre

Mrs. Maggie Daye

UNITY:

Mr. Thurman Minton

Mr. Henry Andrews

VIEWMONT:

Mrs. Dora Leonard

Mrs. Lola Wilson

Mr. C. G. Fox

Mrs. Mae Lail

Mr. Aaron Townsend, Sr.

Mrs. J. T. Gray

Mrs. Faye Yount

Mrs. H. O. Whisnant

Mr. Horace Teague

WARLICK'S:

Mr. Fred Hendrix

Mrs. Fred Hendrix

M. J. B. Cannon

Mrs. Rose Berry

Mrs. Jennie Settlemyre

Mr. Tom Hawell

Mrs. Lillie Pruitt

Mrs. Bessie Glass

WAYSIDE:

Rev. Charles Gibson

WINKLER'S GROVE:

Mrs. Carolyn Houck

Mrs. Lena Simms

Mr. Ed Kanipe

WOODLAWN:

Mrs. Lela Webber

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANIST, SECRETARIES

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Barlow, Mrs. Sharon	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Child Care Director

Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music/Youth
Burleson, Mrs. Steve	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor/Music
Campbell, Mrs. Nancy	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Child Care Director
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist, Newton	Newton, First	Assoc. Pastor/Youth
Dameron, Mrs. Janice	Box 193, Icard	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Deal, Mrs. Marie	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
DeHart, Mrs. H. J., Jr.	Box 726, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Duncan, Rev. Phillip	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Outreach
Ellis, Rev. Harold	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Youth
Emmett, Rev. Billy H.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Assoc. Pastor/Ed.
Faulkenbury, Mrs. Joan	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winkler's Grove	Church Secretary
Frye, Mrs. Scott	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Child Care Director
Harris, Joel	Rt. 4, Newton	Springs Road	Music/Youth
Hatmaker, Mrs. Martha	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Education Secretary
Kiser, Rev. Ronald	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Assoc. Pastor
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music/Education
Lunsford, Mrs. Dean	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
McCaslin, Mrs. Polly	201 S. Main, Newton	Calvary	Church Secretary
McDaniel, Mrs. Marjorie	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
McManus, Paul V.	P. O. Box 726, Conover	Woodlawn	Music/Educ./Youth
Mitchell, Mrs. Darnell	825 8th St. Dr. SE, Hickory	Temple	Church Secretary
Mull, Mrs. Jane	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Financial Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Virginia	Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Panther, Mrs. Margaret	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Financial Secretary
Parker, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 299C, Hickory	Mtn. Grove	Church Secretary
Phillips, Rev. Larry R.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor/Youth
Rhyne, Mrs. Ted	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9th Ave., NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Scronce, Mrs. Connie	Box 273, Newton	E. First St.	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil	Rt. 10, Box 51, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Tanner, Sidney E.	130 16th St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Music/Youth
Tanner, Mrs. Sidney E.	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Child Care Director
Thomasson, Mrs. Ellen	First Baptist, Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Wade, Mrs. Kenneth	Box 190, Icard	Icard, First	Church Secretary
West, Rev. Douglas	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Education/Youth
Wolff, Mrs. Rose W.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Hostess

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred J. (Ch.)	5713B Plum St., Shaw AFB, S. C. 29152	Providence
Alley, Gerald (R)	Rt. 1, Box 501A, Conover 28613	Highland
Baker, Dr. Smoot (R)	603 12th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Temple
Beals, Roy (R)	1221 18th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Highland
Bettini, G. Milton (I)	Box 382, Conover 28613	Newton, First
Bolick, Hugh (I)	Rt. 3, Box 601A, Vale 28168	Wayside
Bryant, Wade (I)	Rt. 4, Box 58, Conover 28613	Penelope
Cothren, William (I)	Box 1292, Hickory 28601	Penelope
Compton, J. D. (R)	1934 11th Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Conner, D. S. (R)	Rt. 4, Box 357, Hickory 28601	Providence
Crump, Zeno (I)	Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	Warlick's

Denton, H. M. (Ch)	Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601	Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I)	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Warlick's
Heavner, Randolph (R)	225 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Helton, Clyde (I)	Box 234, Hickory 28601	Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R)	1221 12th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I)	Box 434, Granite Falls 28630	Hickory, First
Ledford, A. V. (R)	Box 508, Icard 28666	Icard, First
McCurry, Grady (I)	Rt. 4, Hickory 28601	Wayside
Penley, Dr. Larry (I)	Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory 28601	Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I)	438 7th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis (R)	2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I)	424 25th St. SW, Hickory 28601	Longview
Robinson, Earnest (I)	Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Simms, S. E. (EP)	609 5th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. (I)	Rt. 2, Box 613, Hickory 28601	Highland
Smith, J. Max (I)	Box 96, Hildebran 28637	Icard, First
Starnes, Ted. L. (I)	Rt. 6, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Walker, Alvin A. (R)	Rt. 3, Box 766, Hickory 28601	Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Arndt, David	1315 6th Ave. NW, Conover 28613	Temple
Berry, Lawrence R.	Catawba 28609	Catawba
Conley, Harry	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Longview
Cook, Robert	Box 191, Icard 28666	Icard, First
Curtis, Harry	Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	Wayside
Greene, Henry	Rt. 2, Box 142, Claremont 28610	Woodlawn
McDowell, Wayne	Rt. 3, Box 319B, Newton 28658	Temple
Watts, Billy Dale	1884 14th St. NE, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Warren, Jack	Rt. 11, Box 54, Hickory 28601	Fairgrove

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Camp, Raymond	Box 6, Cullen, Virginia 23934	Highland

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Cooke, Robert	Box 101, Icard 28666	Icard, First
Mellon, Danny	Rt. 2, Box 115, Hickory 28601	Springs Road
Warren, Jack	Rt. 11, Box 94, Hickory 28601	Fairgrove
Watts, Billy Dale	1884 14 St. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Yount, Arthur	Rt. 2, Box 269, Newton 28658	Startown, First

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont	Flynn Home for Alcoholics	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Brian Center	220 13th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Pellcare	1125 10th St. Blvd., NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home	Conover 28613
Woodlawn	Hilldale Rest Home	Conover 28613

DIRECTORS OF MEDIA CENTER

Church	Name	Address
Calvary	Mrs. Nellie Scronce	Rt. 1, Box 483, Newton 28658
Catawba	Mrs. Frank Drum	Rt. 2, Catawba 28609
Central	Mrs. Pat Christopher	1540 33rd St. SW, Hickory 28601
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ruth Simmons	Box 414, Claremont 28610
Corinth	Mrs. Evelyn Poovey	Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168
East First Street	Mrs. Lucille Hooks	Rt. 2, Box 138D, Newton 28658
Fairbrook	Hal Lail	Rt. 3, Box 459, Conover 28613
Fairgrove	Mrs. Mary Isbell	Rt. 2, Box 83, Conover 28613
Hickory, First	Mrs. Spurgeon Young	196 23rd St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks	2121 25th St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Donna Calloway	Rt. 1, Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Mrs. Ed Swann, Jr.	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview	Mrs. Robert Pegg	Rt. 10, Box 932, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Glenn Herman	Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory 28601
Newton, First	Mrs. Pat Smith	Rt. 9, Box 356, Hickory 28601
North Newton	Mrs. Clarence Wilson	Rt. 4, Box 70, Newton 28658
Penelope	Miss Ruth Humphries	525 14th St. SW, Hickory 28601
Providence	Miss Janice Rudisill	Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601
Startown, First	Mrs. Linda Wilson	Rt. 1, Box 72A, Newton 28658
Temple	Miss Janet Brackett	Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	Mrs. Joe Brown	145 34th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Bruna Mize	610 2nd Ave. Pl. NE, Conover 28613

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Brookford	Mr. Paul Bolick	153 20th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601
Catawba	Miss Tina Stewart	Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609
Central	Miss Martha Eggers	Box 175, Hildebran 28637
Claremont, First	Mr. Danny Foster	210 3rd St. NE, Conover 28613
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener	Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
East First St.	Mrs. Vernon Lyda	212 Davis Ave., Newton 28658
East Hickory	Miss Diana Mosteller	Rt. 11, Box 411, Hickory 28601
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor	Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658
Fairgrove	Mrs. Virgil Buff	Box 462, Hildebran 28637
Hickory, First	Mr. Tim Warren	1710 2nd St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton	Box 186, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Ben Byrd	Box 317, Hildebran 28637
Icard, First	Mrs. Jim Jacumin	Box A, Icard 28666
Lakeview	Mrs. T. Howard Barnes	441 28th Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601
Longview	Mrs. Juanita Newton	305 32nd St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Miss Teresa Strawser	Rt. 4, Box 275, Vale 28168
Newton, First	Mrs. Irene Craig	712 7th Ave. SW, Conover 28613
North Newton	Mrs. Dewey Butler	Box 145, Newton 28658
Oxford	Mrs. Margaret Starnes	Rt. 1, Box 685C, Claremont 28610
Penelope	Mrs. Mayo Weaver	Box 1566, Hickory 28601
Providence	Mrs. M. S. Brittain	Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Vickie Richie	Rt. 6, Box 402, Hickory 28601
Springs Road	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg	Rt. 9, Box 145, Hickory 28601
Startown, First	Mrs. Linda Wilson	Rt. 1, Box 72A, Newton 28658
Sweetwater	Ms. June Gorsuch	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612
Temple	Mrs. Maxine Swanson	Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory 28601
Unity	Mrs. Carol Conley	514 26th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Mrs. Joyce Drum	Rt. 6, Box 547, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Mrs. Francis Orders	Rt. 1, Valdese 28690

Wayside
West Hickory
Winkler's Grove
Woodlawn

Ms. Judy Henson
Mrs. Nancy Rhoney
Mrs. Sue Mitcham
Mrs. David Stewart

Box 4231, Hickory 28601
349 17th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Rt. 7, Box 216, Hickory 28601
Rt. 1, Box 7-S, Newton 28658

RECREATION DIRECTORS

Church
East First St.
East Hickory
Fairbrook
Hickory, First
Newton, First
North Newton

Name
Mr. Calvin Proctor
Tommy Eckard
Jim Riley
Van Pernell
Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
Rev. Harold D. Ellis

Address
Box 273, Newton 28658
Rt. 9, Box 445, Hickory 28601
Rt. 4, Box 129, Newton 28658
Rt. 5, S. Lake Dr., Hickory 28601
721 S. College Ave., Newton 28658
Box 43, Newton 28658

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN

Church
Calvary
Claremont, First
East 1st St.
East Hickory
Hickory, First
Highland
Lakeview
Newton, First
North Newton
Penelope
Sandy Ridge
Springs Road
Warlick's
Woodlawn

Name
Mrs. Dot Barber
Mrs. Phyllis H. Little
Thad Crump
Carl Stewart
Paul Kennedy
Harold Deal
William E. West
Paul Walker
Woodrow Austin
Louie Baker
Boyce Dobbins
Gerald Smith
Robert Ennis
David W. Abernathy

Address
Box 329, Newton 28658
Box 193, Claremont 28610
2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton 28658
Box 575, Hickory 28601
1064 20 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
1690 2nd St. NW, Hickory 28601
1300 23rd Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658
303 W. 21st St., Newton 28658
Box 1304, Hickory 28601
Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
Rt. 11, Box 246, Hickory 28601
Box 99, Icard 28666
Rt. 3, Box 47A, Conover 28613

CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Church
East First St.
Hickory, First
Hildebran, First
Penelope
Warlick's

Name
Marvin Lee
Mrs. Rose Wolff
Mrs. Lib Mosteller
Mrs. Grady Deal
Mrs. Avery Orders

Address
Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton 28658
421 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
Hildebran 28637
216 5th Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge/Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold Threatt
1975	Mountain Grove, Central	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene
1976	Catawba; Hildebran, First	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Joe Coltrane
1977	Oxford; Startown, First	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	J. Bruce Walker

Statistical Tables

TABLE A. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION										YEAR ENDING		September 30		1977	
Association										(Month & Day)					
THERON RANKIN															
State															
North Carolina															
Miss Helen Cater															
City															
Hickory															
State															
North Carolina															
Zip															
28601															
PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
CHURCHES															
none															
Brookford															
Calvary (N)															
Catawba															
Central															
Claremont, First															
Corinth															
East First St. (N)															
Fairbrook															
Fairgrove															
Hickory, East															
Hickory, First															
Hickory, West															
Highland															
Hildebran, First															
Icard, First															
Lakeview															
Longview															
Mountain Grove															
Newton, First															
North Newton															
Oxford															
Penelope															
Providence															
Sandy Ridge															
Springs Road															

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION		YEAR ENDING	September 30 1977
		(Month & Day)	
Association			

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TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL		YEAR ENDING September 30 — 1977	
Association		(Month & Day)	
THERON RANKIN			
State NORTH CAROLINA			
Associational Sunday School Director			
Address Rev. Walter L. Cooley			
City Hickory		State North Carolina	
Zip 28601			
CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	
Brookford		Johnny Secrest, Rt. 1, Box 216, Hickory 28601	
Calvary (N)		Ray Summers, 1026 S. College Ave., Newton 28658	
Catawba		John Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609	
Central		B.K.Lail, Jr., Box 82, Hildebran 28637	
Claremont, First		Basil Boggs, Rt. 2, Box 149B, Claremont 28610	
Corinth		Jackson Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 464, Vale 28168	
East First St. (N)		Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 6, Box 138D, Newton 28658	
Fairbrook		Horace Lail, Rt. 11, Box 76, Hickory 28601	
Fairgrove		Charles Hobby, Rt. 1, Box 64AA, Conover 28613	
Hickory, East		Richard Robbins, Rt. 6, Box 388, Hickory 28601	
Hickory, First		Tom G.Maxwell,Sr.,Box 2364, Hickory 28601	
Hickory, West		Harold Lail, 153 36 St. NW, Hickory 28601	
Highland		Tom Guthrie, Rt. 2, Box 868, Hickory 28601	
Hildebran, First		Hal Dameron, Box 193, Icard 28666	
Icard, First		J.Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637	
Lakeview		William C.Mansberger, Rt.11, Box 676, Hickory 28601	
Longview		Paul Tolbert, 717 21 St. SW, Hickory 28601	
Mountain Grove		Jim Leatherman, Rt. 8, Box 340, Hickory 28601	
Newton, First		James Leatherman, 706 Westside Dr.,Newton 28658	
Newton, North		Clarence Wilson, Rt.4, Box 70, Newton 28658	
Oxford		Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681A, Claremont 28610	
Penelope		Don Smith, Rt. 7, Box 81, Hickory 28601	
Providence		Darvin Punch, Rt. 3, Box 294B, Vale 28168	
Sandy Ridge		Johnny Harrison,Rt1,Box 222, Taylorsville 28681	
Springs Road		Joe Watkins, 1732 29 St. NE, Hickory 28601	

54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73
Cradle Roll enrollment (Birth to 2 years)	Preschool enrollment (Birth through 5 years)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrollment—Single (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Young Adult enrollment—married (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Adult enrollment (30-55 years)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)	Adults Away enrollment	Homebound enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrollment	Weekday Bible Study enrollment	Church V. B. S. enrollment	Mission V. B. S. enrollment	Total V. B. S. enrollment
-	8	26	11	~	13	-	41	-	6	2	-	107	65	-	-	-	71	-	71
13	11	38	38	18	20	40	18	-	~	6	-	202	110	1	10	-	107	-	107
-	6	9	25	7	~	28	18	-	-	4	-	95	53	-	-	-	34	-	34
-	36	56	74	20	43	82	21	-	-	6	-	338	198	-	-	-	139	-	139
2	6	21	22	-	5	33	-	-	-	3	-	92	76	-	-	-	88	-	88
5	15	27	28	12	27	62	21	-	-	6	-	203	109	2	36	-	107	-	107
-	20	29	34	-	18	36	21	-	-	3	-	161	159	-	-	-	155	-	155
-	19	22	13	16	20	22	-	-	-	5	-	117	84	-	-	-	82	-	82
7	17	30	24	-	39	54	-	-	-	3	-	175	98	3	22	-	71	-	71
-	39	39	30	7	30	95	31	-	-	9	-	280	171	-	-	-	88	-	88
-	105	130	127	103	112	334	178	-	33	27	-	1,154	503	-	-	-	329	-	329
-	70	90	102	40	86	190	97	22	33	6	-	736	285	1	20	-	161	-	161
-	82	138	134	49	78	152	114	-	33	9	-	767	435	-	-	-	185	-	185
-	49	46	52	14	30	54	76	-	8	4	-	333	214	1	130	-	95	-	95
-	29	46	53	18	26	80	39	4	23	5	-	323	178	3	50	10	118	-	118
-	34	32	71	30	45	86	30	-	-	4	-	332	113	-	-	-	79	-	79
-	10	9	27	~	18	22	15	4	-	4	-	98	57	-	-	-	64	-	64
-	41	59	65	21	18	133	30	-	-	4	-	371	201	-	-	-	166	-	166
-	54	96	84	35	38	170	54	-	-	5	-	546	254	-	-	12	110	-	110
-	46	66	32	15	48	66	19	-	10	4	-	306	140	-	-	-	70	-	70
7	35	67	33	4	48	60	10	6	-	5	-	275	180	-	-	-	218	-	218
-	68	136	158	59	52	252	124	22	20	5	-	896	386	-	-	-	195	-	195
-	21	15	24	~	18	23	27	-	-	5	-	133	94	-	-	-	77	-	77
-	42	59	29	65	46	46	29	-	-	4	-	320	191	-	-	-	122	-	122
13	17	120	74	23	14	49	95	-	-	4	-	409	280	-	-	-	195	-	195

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TABLE C TRAINING UNION			YEAR ENDING September 30 1976														
Association			(Month & Day)														
THERON RANKIN																	
State NORTH CAROLINA																	
Associational Training Union Director Mrs. Smoot Baker																	
Address 603 12th Avenue, NE			City	Hickory	State	North Carolina	Zip	28601									
CHURCHES			TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)														
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory 28601		9	11	8	11	9	15	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	-	33
Calvary (N)	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catawba	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Ray Hammett, Rt. 2, Box 956M, Connelly Spgs. 28612		5	29	30	8	38	1	3	-	-	114	-	-	-	-	57
Claremont, First	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 489, Claremont 28610		10	13	22	-	23	-	2	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	65
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. 8, Box 559, Hickory 28601		6	5	14	10	13	-	3	-	-	51	-	-	-	-	30
East First St. (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658		11	17	22	1	28	7	2	-	-	88	-	-	-	-	70
Fairbrook	Mrs. Sylvia Sigmon, i t. 3, Box 235, Hickory 28601		4	4	8	17	30	-	3	-	-	66	-	-	-	-	35
Fairgrove	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	8	4	12
Hickory, East	Ray Alcon, 1085 22 St. NE, Hickory 28601		6	14	11	6	33	-	4	-	-	74	-	-	-	-	43
Hickory, First	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	70
Hickory, West	none		-	-	-	-	8	-	2	-	-	10	4	1	6	87	6
Highland	Trinton Hooks, 2121 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601		16	19	24	-	29	-	4	-	-	92	-	-	-	-	67
Hildebran, First	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Icard, First	none		10	20	23	-	36	-	3	-	-	92	9	-	6	-	72
Lakeview	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longview	Wayne Reese, Rt. 2, Box 587K, Connelly Spgs. 28612		-	10	7	-	18	-	3	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	21
Mountain Grove	Erroll Ward, Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory 28601		7	18	29	-	20	5	-	-	-	79	-	-	-	-	55
Newton, First	none		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newton, North	Mrs. Marcell Whisnant, 511 E. 21 St., Newton 28658		3	15	17	-	18	-	2	-	-	55	2	2	2	-	22
Oxford	Roger Canipe, Rt. 1, Claremont 28610		10	22	19	-	25	26	2	-	-	104	10	6	17	2	50
Penelope	Thornal Seagle, 3008 10 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601		2	14	29	6	42	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	55
Providence	Mrs. Helen Asherbranner, c t. 8, Box 528, Hickory 28601		3	10	8	-	9	12	8	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	40
Sandy Ridge	Eugene Bryant, 327 18 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601		17	10	23	23	17	-	5	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	47
Springs Road	Jack Huffman, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 168, Conover 28613		17	35	44	15	30	19	4	-	-	164	11	5	4	164	95

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TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC										YEAR ENDING September 30 1977												
Association										(Month & Day)												
THERON RANKIN																						
NORTH CAROLINA																						
Associational Music Director																						
Hendley Ellington																						
Address																						
549 North Center Street																						
City																						
Hickory																						
State																						
North Carolina																						
Zip																						
28601																						
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																						
CHURCHES																						
Brookford										Preschool enrolment (4-5 years)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensembles enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General music leaders enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing church music enrolment	Average weekly church music attendance	Church music study group enrolment	
										-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	18	-
Calvary (N)										-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	12	-
Cetawba										-	-	8	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	15	-
Central										-	-	24	36	-	-	-	8	6	-	74	55	28
Claremont, First										-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	3	-	27	20	-
Corinth										-	-	10	30	=	=	=	=	3	-	43	28	-
East 1st St. (N)										5	21	15	30	-	10	-	-	3	-	83	70	-
Fairbrook										10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	13	-
Fairgrove										5	8	10	20	-	-	-	-	2	-	45	25	-
Hickory, East										7	12	15	26	18	10	-	-	5	-	93	59	-
Hickory, First										33	73	47	68	12	7	4	46	-	-	290	208	-
Hickory, West										12	21	28	35	-	-	-	5	-	-	101	85	-
Highland										20	50	46	40	10	-	-	10	-	-	176	143	-
Hildebran, First										-	4	5	35	-	-	-	3	-	-	43	35	-
Icard, First										6	20	22	28	-	-	-	1	-	-	77	40	-
Lakeview										-	-	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	24	-
Longview										4	4	10	6	-	-	-	5	4	-	33	16	-
Mountain Grove										-	-	12	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	28	-
Newton, First										5	30	20	42	8	-	-	-	8	-	113	97	-
Newton, North										26	25	-	40	-	33	5	4	-	-	133	75	-
Oxford										-	-	-	27	-	-	-	2	-	-	29	15	-
Penelope										10	42	47	25	25	12	-	-	12	-	173	160	-
Providence										-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	1	-	20	16	-
Sandy Ridge										-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	20	-
Springs Road										-	15	42	64	-	12	2	2	-	-	137	70	-

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TABLE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION			YEAR ENDING September 30 1977		Enrollment										
Association			(Month & Day)												
THERON RANKIN			Number of Organizations												
NORTH CAROLINA															
Associational WMU Director															
Mrs. J. Bruce Walker															
Address			WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)												
P. O. Box 1974			City State Zip												
CHURCHES															
Brookford			none												
Calvary (N)			Mrs. Decie Kenyon, Rt. 4, Box 94, Newton 28658												
Catawba			Mrs. Floyd Edwards, Rt. 1, Catawba 28609												
Central			Mrs. Norma Cline, Rt. 1, Box 19½, Connelly Spgs. 28612												
Claremont, First			Mrs. Guy Lowman, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 18B, Claremont 28610												
Corinth			Mrs. Carl Martin, Rt. 3, Box 346, Vale 28168												
East First St., (N)			Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Ave., Newton 28658												
Fairbrook			Mrs. Ruth Lail, Rt. 3, Box 459, Conover 28613												
Fairgrove			Mrs. A. C. Signon, Rt. 2, Box 163, Conover 28613												
Hickory, East			Mrs. Michael Coffey, Rt. 11, Box 269, Hickory 28601												
Hickory, First			Mrs. John Starnes, Rt. 3, Box 123C, Hickory 28601												
Hickory, West			Mrs. James W. Coble, 354 17 St. NW, Hickory 28601												
Highland			Mrs. Betty Mitchell, 950 21 St. NE, Hickory 28601												
Hildebran, First			Mrs. Corrie Blake, Box 252, Hildebran 28637												
Icard, First			Mrs. Judy Cline, Box 506, Icard, 28666												
Lakeview			none												
Longview			Mrs. Nell Tolbert, 1875 28 St. NE, Hickory 28601												
Mountain Grove			Mrs. Carl King, Rt. 1, Box 557A, Hickory 28601												
Newton, First			Mrs. Jean Adams, 806 6th St. SW, Conover 28613												
Newton, North			Mrs. Harold Ellis, Box 43, Newton 28658												
Oxford			Mrs. Bobby Langston, Rt. 1, Box 662L, Claremont 28610												
Penelope			Miss Pat Robinson, 420 24 St. SW, Hickory 28601												
Providence			Mrs. Kathleen Brøttain, Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory 28601												
Sandy Ridge			Mrs. Shirley Beasley, 1239 15 St. NE, Hickory 28601												
Springs Road			Mrs. Sue Benge, Rt. 1, Box 151, Conover 28613												

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Association
YEAR ENDING September 30 1977
(Month & Day)

THERON RANKIN			
State	NORTH CAROLINA		
Associational WMU Director Mrs. J. Bruce Walker			
Address	P. O. Box 1974	City	State
		Hickory	North Carolina
			Zip
			28601
WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)			
CHURCHES			
Startown, First	Mrs.Linda Wilson, at.1, Box 72A, Newton 28658		
Sweetwater	Mrs.Dan Guins, 1'09 22 St.PI.NE, Hickory 28601		
Temple	Mrs.Nancy Franklin, 2230 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601		
Unity	Mrs.Norma Evans, Rt. 1, Box 39C, Hickory 28601		
Viewmont	Mrs.Charles Hefner, 114 20 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601		
Warlick's	Mrs.Lucy Fulbright, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612		
Wayside	none		
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Lynn Beal, 138 19 St. NW, Hickory 28601		
Woodlawn	Mrs. Jerry Shuman, Rt. 1, Box 751W, Claremont 28610		
Catawba Valley (Watchcare)			
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TABLE F BROTHERHOOD			YEAR ENDING September 30		1977										
Association			(Month & Day)			116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
THERON RANKIN															
State															
North Carolina															
Associational Brotherhood Director															
Address															
B. J. Abernethy															
P. O. Box 195															
CHURCHES															
CITY															
Hildebran															
State															
N. C.															
Zip															
28637															
BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
Brookford	none						6								
Calvary (N)	Warren Litten, 217 W. 8th St., Newton 28658					20	10	6	18	-	5	-	59	-	-
Catawba	none					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Jimmy Stephens, Rt. 4, Box 344, Hickory 28601					16	10	-	25	-	4	-	55	-	-
Claremont, First	Henry Lowrance, Box 194, Conover 28613					13	9	-	10	-	2	-	34	-	-
Corinth	none					6	8	1	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
East First St (N)	Thad Crump, 2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton 28658					15	7	6	15	-	2	-	45	-	-
Fairbrook	Alfred Ford, Rt. 4, 107 Westside Blvd, Newton 28658					10	4	1	14	-	1	-	30	-	-
Fairgrove	Paul Lail, Rt. 1, Box 5, Conover 28613					7	6	1	15	10	1	-	40	3	15
Hickory, East	Benny McGuire, 2362 11 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601					3	2	3	8	10	1	-	27	-	-
Hickory, First	Larry R. Phillips, 2090 25 St. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601					53	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-
Hickory, West	Dick Adams, 1825 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601					-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Highland	Carl Wyatt, 832 6th St. NW, Hickory 28601					26	8	7	18	-	3	-	62	-	4
Hildebran, First	B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637					16	-	2	24	-	4	-	46	-	2
Icard, First	Buck Little, Box 180, Icard 28666					14	6	-	20	-	1	-	41	-	-
Lakeview	none					6	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Longview	J. J. Cook, 2519 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601					-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mountain Grove	Leon Carter, Rt. 8, Box 108C, Hickory 28601					6	8	2	12	-	-	-	28	-	-
Newton, First	Bill Perry, Rt. 3, Box 64, Conover 28613					16	-	2	24	-	1	-	43	-	-
Newton, North	Ray Gilmer, 825 S. Cline Ave., Newton 28658					12	-	2	15	-	-	-	29	-	-
Oxford	Roger Canipe, Rt. 1, Claremont 28610					13	4	3	8	-	2	-	30	-	-
Penelope	none					-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601					7	9	1	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
Sandy Ridge	Lawrence Brown, Rt. 2, Box 990, Hickory 28601					35	24	3	15	-	1	-	78	-	-
Springs Road	none					11	4	2	18	-	1	-	41	-	-

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP										YEAR ENDING Sept. 30, 1977		Association						
										(Month & Day)								
THERON RANKIN																		
NORTH CAROLINA																		
Associational Treasurer Frelon W. Broome																		
Address 345 7th Ave. Place, NW Hickory State North Carolina Zip 28601																		
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																		
CHURCHES																		
										Number of tithees		21						
										Percent of total budget		22						
										Associational missions goal as percent of total budget		23						
										Simplified		27						
										Stewardship Revival		Budget promotion or emphasis used during the year						
										Committed to Tithe		Forward Program						
										Alt. Forward Program		None						
										Total receipts		127						
										All other receipts		128						
										Money borrowed during the year		129						
										Church staff salaries		130						
										Money paid out on new construction during the year		131						
										Debt retirement during the year		132						
										Church literature		133						
										All other local expenditures		134						
										Total local expenditures		135						
Brookford	Mrs.Katie Parker, 1728 2nd St. SW, Hickory 28601	48	-					x	\$ 20,861.	3,500.	24,361.	-	5,000.	7,000.	-	600.	500.	13,100.
Calvary (N)	Kenneth Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100, Newton 28658	-	15% 015%					x	56,500	-	56,500.	2,700.	14,353.	-	3,700.	1,121.	27,633.	46,807.
Catawba	Mrs.Cleo Abernathy, Box 234, Catawba 28609	25	8% 009%					x	25,562.	-	25,562.	-	13,011.	-	-	1,200.	6,652.	20,863.
Central	Carroll Eckard,Rt.2,Box 953,Connelly Spgs. 28612	110	10% 001%	x					83,086	-	83,086.	-	19,680.	-	27,885.	3,128.	22,305.	72,998.
Claremont, First	Mrs.Ross J.Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610	58	-		x				26,626.	-	26,626.	-	6,580.	-	10,801.	853.	6,351.	24,585.
Corinth	Bobby Whisnant,	50	5% 001%					x	39,085.	-	39,085.	-	14,490.	1,437.	-	1,872.	6,668.	24,467.
East First St. (N)	Gene Hass, Box 384, Newton 28658	125	10% 001%	x					52,726.	45,078.	97,804.	36,500.	14,320.	40,000.	4,480.	906.	62,657.	122,363.
Fairbrook	Mrs.Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658	60	-					x	22,296.	207.	22,503.	-	10,394.	2,015.	-	1,205.	3,668.	17,286.
Fairgrove	Charles Shook, 605 8 St.,SW, Conover 28613	55	10%	-		x			33,776.	-	33,776.	-	10,711.	254.	10,282.	1,612.	6,054.	28,913.
Hickory, East		100	11% 008%		x				81,518.	390.	81,908.	675.	36,692.	-	675.	1,924.	27,216.	66,507.
Hickory, First	Dewey V.Wright, 316 25 Ave.,NW, Hickory 28601	240	16% 006%		x				593,944	148,110.	742,054.	102,000.	108,438.	-	57,462.	6,000.	303,917.	475,817.
Hickory, West	Dan Hildebran, 1012 12 St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601	200	25% 012%					x	123,700.	-	123,700.	-	45,200.	-	7,000.	3,700.	31,868.	87,768.
Highland	J. C. Mull, 706 12 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	250	20% 01%				x		395,175.	12,430.	407,605.	47,000.	59,459.	269,700.	411.	9,102.	66,303.	404,975.
Hildebran, First	Frank Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 28637	125	10% 015%					x	109,787.	32.	109,819.	-	24,605.	-	47,919.	1,016.	26,960.	100,500.
Icard, First	Mrs.Bea Lingerfelt, Box 245, Icard 28666	145	10% 01%		x				81,742.	2,034.	83,776.	296,546.	26,153.	399,251.	71,598.	2,846.	13,015.	512,863.
Lakeview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	50	25% 009%	x					62,762.	-	62,762.	-	25,525.	-	5,823.	1,771.	9,970.	43,089.
Longview	Mrs.Barbara Buchanan,Rt.2,Box 640B,Connelly Spgs.	40	4% 008%					x	23,224.	62.	23,286.	-	11,935.	-	1,895.	651.	5,981.	20,462.
Mountain Grove	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 299D, Hickory 28601	75	6% 004%	x					76,031.	-	76,031.	12,000.	27,358.	-	8,764.	2,967.	42,221.	81,310.
Newton, First	James Matson, 1434 Brentwood Dr., Newton 28658	345	13% 01%					x	111,509.	-	111,509.	-	34,197.	-	-	4,667.	48,861.	87,725.
Newton, North	Woodrow Austin, 303 W. 21 St., Newton 28658	95	10% 01%	x					62,688.	686.	63,374.	-	27,104.	-	6,375.	1,389.	20,664.	55,532.
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231,Conover 28613	77	10%	-				x	49,631.	1,081.	50,712.	34,500.	14,810.	14,894.	6,837.	3,194.	15,566.	55,301.
Penelope	Mrs.Edith Triggs, 3564 1 Ave.Cr.,NW, Hickory 28601	390	7% 006%	x					167,209.	128,840.	296,049.	-	61,514.	-	37,254.	19,034.	33,113.	150,915.
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601	-	-	-				x	29,000.	-	29,000.	1,000.	9,975.	-	2,500.	1,425.	8,500.	22,400.
Sandy Ridge	James C. Harmon, Rt. 9, Box 235, Hickory 28601	115	10% 005%	x					94,348.	4,129.	98,477.	280,000.	24,503.	40,892.	-	2,876.	25,155.	93,426.
Springs Road	Mrs.Betty Roark Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601	100	13% 01%	x					93,345.	9,450.	102,795.	-	33,452.	6,184.	21,511.	1,960.	21,810.	84,917.

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TABLE 1 SPECIAL INFORMATION				YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 1977										Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc.?										Y=Yes N=No	
Association				(Month & Day)																					
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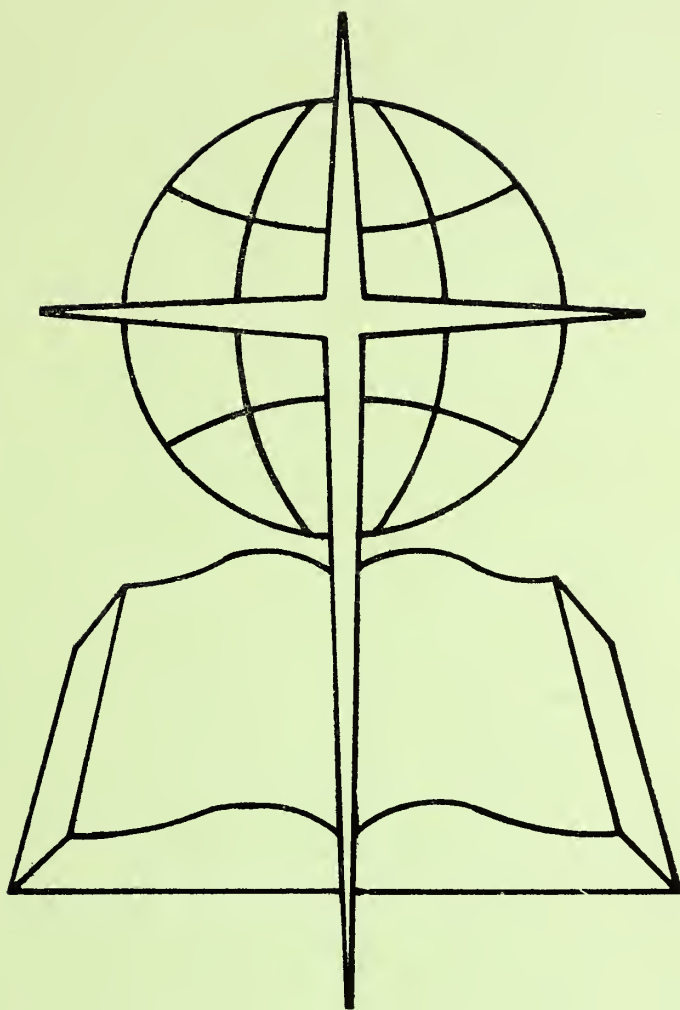


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with the Woodlawn Baptist Church
for the first session and
with the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
for the second session

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to the body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from the issue of the Annual.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place, and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership

committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship Fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest

speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations: Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1 of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting of special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual sessions, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meeting. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this session of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall upon invitation of a member church and by direction of

the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Associational Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall

determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

**Thursday Afternoon
First Baptist Church, Icard
October 19, 1978**

1. The twenty-third annual session began at 4 p.m. with Phil Duncan leading in singing "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. Harvey Laughter was organist. Mrs. Harold Threatt sang a medley, "Jesus Loves the Little Children," "So Send I You," and "Lead Me To Some Soul Today." Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury led in the worship period using Scripture from Ephesians, chapters 2 and 4.

2. Moderator, Rev. Bruce Walker, said that he was reminded of our heritage when he attended the 100th anniversary of our "Mother" association, the South Fork, this week. He called the session to order by reminding us that we were formed for the purpose of promoting missions and evangelism. He displayed the gavel given us by Mrs. M. Theron Rankin. A motion was adopted to call this session for the purpose of hearing reports, transacting business and for inspiration, with those already registered and those who will register to constitute this body.

3. Gary Whitener, chairman of the Program committee, presented the members of his committee and called attention to the printed program which was adopted as the order of business with necessary changes.

First Baptist Church, Icard

4:00	Hymn " <i>To God Be the Glory</i> "	No. 41
		Phil Duncan, leading
	Special Music	Mrs. Carolyn Threatt
	Worship	Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury
4:20	ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	
	Constitution of Twenty-Third Annual Session	
	Adoption of Order of Business	Gary A. Whitener
	Welcome	Rev. Harvey Laughter
	Introduction of new Pastors	
	and Staff Members	Rev. J. Bruce Walker
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Report of Registration	V. H. White
	Hymn " <i>Jesus Is All the World to Me</i> "	No. 155

4:40 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
INSTITUTIONS

Sunday School—Walter Cooley & Douglas West

Church Treasurer—Mrs. Smoot Baker

Evangelism—Rev. H. Phillip King

Association Office—Rev. Charles H. High

Trustees—C. Van Teague (and/or student)

Scholarship Foundation—George F. Hemphill

Nominating Committee—J. Max Smith

Extension Committee—Rev. Alvin A. Walker

Miscellaneous Business

Recognition of Institutions representatives

5:25 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Homer E. Bradey

Special Music C. O. Pendley

Annual Sermon Rev. H. Phillip King

Benediction and Blessing Rev. Jack D. Warren

6:00 DINNER

THURSDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 19

First Baptist Church, Icard

7:00 Hymn “*We’re Marching To Zion*” No. 308

Lewis Robinson, leading

Special Music Choir, First Baptist Church, Icard

Worship Rev. Bobby A. Langston

7:20 REPORTS — COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
INSTITUTIONS

Treasurer—Frelon W. Broome

Finance Committee—Fred M. Mull

Place & Preacher Committee—J. Max Smith

Brotherhood—B. J. Abernethy

Membership Committee—Rev. Wray G. Barrett

Election of Officers

Report on Registration—V. H. White

7:45 Hymn “*There’s A Glad New Song*” No. 311

THE YOUNG ADULT ENSEMBLE Pritchard Memorial

Church, Charlotte—Hal Shoemaker, director

8:15 *How Churches Can Best Utilize Radio & T.V.* William H.

Boatwright, Department of Communications

Baptist State Convention

Benediction Rev. Ted L. Turner

FRIDAY MORNING – OCTOBER 20

Viewmont Baptist Church

- 10:00 Hymn "*How Great Thou Art*" No. 35
 Special Music Charles R. Brown
 Worship Rev. Ben Hall
- 10:20 Welcome Rev. W. A. Huneycutt
 REPORTS – COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
 INSTITUTIONS
 Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. Bruce Walker
 Ordination Committee—Rev. I. D. Phillips
 Central Training School—Rev. Homer Bradey
 Memorial Service—led by Rev. Albert A. Young
- 10:50 Message Rev. Douglas Cole, Baptist State Convention
 Hymn "*Our Hope is in the Living God*" No. 201
- 11:15 Resolutions—Rev. Aubrey Folk, chairman
 Miscellaneous Business
 Report on Registration—V. H. White
- 11:30 Special Music Rev. David O. Byler
 Doctorinal Sermon Dr. Billy T. Mobley
 Benediction and Blessing Rev. Darrell Saunders
- 12:15 Adjournment and LUNCH

4. Rev. Harvey Laughter, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Walker recognized new pastors and staff members and their wives: Rev. George Huffman, Brookford; Rev. Joe Woods, Corinth; Rev. Jack Warren, Fairbrook; Rev. Paul Childers, East Hickory; Rev. W. T. Mills, Highland; Rev. Joe Canipe, Longview; Rev. Malcolm Ivey, Newton, First; Rev. Darrell Saunders, North Newton; Rev. James Russell, Warlick's; Dr. Kelly Howell, Education & Administration, Hickory, First; Rev. Kay Smith, Education/Activities, Penelope; Rev. Tommy Scarborough, Music/Youth, Penelope; and Charles Craig who has now taken on Education at Newton, First in addition to his music responsibilities. It was noted that Rev. Ted Starnes is serving as interim pastor at Hildebran, First and Rev. W. A. Huneycutt at Viewmont.

5. James Camp was recognized as a visitor from the Children's Homes.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 106 messengers and 22 visitors registered from 28 churches. Mr. Duncan led in singing "Jesus Is All the World to Me."

7. Rev. Walter Cooley, retiring Sunday School Director, gave a brief report and introduced the new director, Rev. Douglas West, who stated that Sunday School is very important in reaching people and that he and his officers are ready to help in the area of Sunday School work.

8. Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director, stressed the need to provide for training our people and gave plans to help the churches in this area.

9. Rev. Phillip King, chairman of Evangelism, emphasized that evangelism is the Key Action for 1979.

10. We adopted the recommendation from the Association Office Committee that the Promotional Secretary be given a holiday on her birthday.

11. C. Van Teague, chairman of the Trustees, reported the awarding of three Scholarships of \$350.00 each, and three others, \$215.00 each, from funds raised by the Trustees.

12. Attention was called to the Scholarship Foundation report since the chairman was absent.

13. J. Max Smith, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented their report which was adopted as printed in this issue.

14. Rev. Alvin Walker, chairman of the Extension committee, announced that the money is on hand to make the payment on our property this year. The committee plans to look into the possibility of getting work started there. He requested each church to add an amount to their budget for Church Extension above their regular gifts to the association.

15. Rev. Ben Hall presented the following motion which was seconded by Dr. Billy Modley and carried:

In view of our emphasis on Bold Missions and our Bold Missions effort to double associational giving by 1982, I make the following motion: That a long-range planning committee be appointed by the associational moderator. This associational long-range planning committee will have the responsibilities of:

- (a) Evaluating our present associational program;
- (b) Projecting future associational programs and ministries, including associational facilities and staff to enable Bold Missions on the associational level;
- (c) Establishing time frame within which future programming will be implemented;
- (d) Sharing of progress reports to the Executive Committee as well as an annual report to the association during annual session;
- (e) That this committee be composed of ten (10) members.

16. Jim Camp from the Children's Homes was given the opportunity to speak concerning the Homes. No other representatives were present at this time.

17. Rev. Homer E. Bradley read Scripture from Genesis 15 and led in prayer. C. O. Pendley from First Church, Hickory sang "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference." Rev. H. Phillip King brought the annual sermon. Rev. Jack Warren led in prayer.

18. A delicious dinner was served by the host church. Approximately 200 persons were present at this time.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19

First Baptist Church, Icard

19. Louis Robinson led in singing "We're Marching To Zion." Special music was presented by the choir from First Church, Icard under the direction of Kenneth Hass. Rev. Bobby Langston led in the worship period using Scripture from John 6.

20. Treasurer, Frelon W. Broome, reviewed the annual financial report for the year.

21. Fred M. Mull, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for the coming year. The budget, amount \$22,048.00, was adopted as printed in this issue and with the suggestion that each church contribute through their church budget to the Church Extension fund over and above their regular contributions to the association.

22. J. Max Smith, chairman of the Place and Preacher committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: 1st day — Woodlawn; 2nd day - Sandy Ridge; to preach annual sermon - Rev. Homer Bradley; alternate - Rev. Harold L. Threatt. In 1980 the annual session to be held for one day only, on Thursday following the third Sunday in October.

23. B. J. Abernethy, Brotherhood Director, presented a report of their activities during the year.

24. Rev. Wray Barrett, chairman of the Membership committee, was unable to be present because of the death of a sister and severe injury of his son-in-law. Dr. Billy Mobley, a member of this committee, presented the report which was adopted as follows: that we accept the Catawba Valley Baptist Church into full membership of this association.

25. The following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Moderator, Rev. H. Phillip King; Vice-Moderator, Rev. David O. Byler.

26. Mr. White reported 128 messengers and 88 visitors registered from 31 churches.

27. Rev. T. A. Lineberger, South Mountain Baptist Camp, spoke briefly concerning the work of the Camp. Mr. Robinson led in singing "There's A Glad, New Song."

28. The Young Adult Ensemble from Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte, directed by Hal Shoemaker, presented the musicale, "Bold Missions" by W. J. Reynolds.

29. Following the singing of "Sunshine In My Soul," Bill Boatwright, director of the Department of Communications of the Baptist State Convention, spoke on "How Churches Can Best Utilize Radio and Television." He suggested that when we use radio, we should know our purpose, discover our audience, and plan our programs in this light. He gave various ways in which we can use both radio and television. A question and answer session was held at the close of this period.

30. Mr. Walker asked the members of the Catawba Valley Church to come to the front and be greeted at the close of the session. Rev. Ted Turner, pastor of this church, led in the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20

Viewmont Baptist Church

31. The Friday morning session began at 10 a.m. at the Viewmont Church with singing "How Great Thou Art" with Charles Brown leading and Mrs. Joyce Drum at the organ. Mr. Brown sang "The Field Is God's World" and Rev. Ben Hall led in worship using Scripture from John 1 and I John 1.

32. A cordial welcome was extended by Rev. W. A. Huneycutt, Interim host pastor.

33. Mrs. Bruce Walker presented the report for Woman's Missionary Union. She reported that the Study-Act applications for Scholarships must be in the State office by April 1st.

34. Rev. Homer Bradey, Director of Central Training School, reviewed the 1978 World Missions Conference activities and gave plans for the 1979 school which will include age-level Church Training developing books, Family Life emphases, and a Church Staff Relations conference with Dr. Brooks Faulkner of the Southern Baptist Convention leading.

35. Robert Abrams from Gardner-Webb College was recognized for a brief report.

36. Dr. Douglas Cole, associate director of the Christian Life commission of the State Convention, brought a message. He stated that the local church should focus on meeting needs of persons rather than programs.

37. Mr. Brown led us in singing "Our Hope Is in the Living God."

38. Rev. Aubrey Folk, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the Resolutions which was adopted as printed in this issue.

39. During the business session Mrs. Baker announced an Up-Date on Church Training materials in October and "M" Night on November 27th.

40. V. H. White reported 111 messengers and 12 visitors registering from 24 churches on Friday.

41. As a prelude to the Doctrinal sermon, David Byler sang a medley, "What If It Were Today," "Jesus Is Coming Again," "The King Is Coming." Dr. Billy Mobley delivered a sermon on "The Second Coming Of Our Lord."

42. Moderator Walker expressed appreciation for our enabling him to serve for two years as Moderator. He recognized Rev. Fritz Hemphill as Vice-Moderator and as the first Moderator of our Association and Miss Cater who has served as Clerk since the beginning of our association. He then recognized the new Moderator, Rev. Phillip King, and Vice-Moderator, Rev. David Byler, and presented the gavel to Rev. King. Rev. King expressed thanks for the privilege of working with the association in a new capacity. Charles Brown gave directions for serving lunch. Rev. Paul Childers led in the benediction and blessing.

43. A delicious meal was served by the host church.

44. The total registration for the two days was 164 messengers and 95 visitors, a total of 259 persons from 31 churches. The East First Street, Springs Road, Sweetwater, and Unity churches were not represented. The weather was clear and pleasant both days.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3): Rev. George L. Huffman, Jr. (Pastor), H. F. Wallace

CALVARY (5): Rev. Fred Thompson (Pastor), M. L. Adair, Mrs. J. L. Pate, Mrs. Ray Poovey, Mrs. Elizabeth Setzer

CATAWBA (4): Theresa Bumgarner, Edna Danner, Mrs. Newell Eades, Mrs. Frank Edwards, (3 visitors)

CATAWBA VALLEY (3): Rev. Ted D. Turner (Pastor), Mrs. Peggy B. Turner, Lee R. Bowman, (7 visitors)

CENTRAL (7): Rev. J. Bruce Walker (Pastor), Alford Crow, Ruth Fulbright, Margaret Hammett, Ernest E. McGalliard, Edna Mae McGalliard, Mrs. Bruce Walker

CLAREMONT, FIRST (4): Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor), Lillie Mae Lowman, Henry Lowrance, Nancy Shook, (1 visitor)

CORINTH (6): Mrs. Braskie Brown, Mrs. Luther Costner, C. F. Rudisill, Mrs. C. F. Rudisill, Velma Stallings, Patsy Wood, (1 visitor)

EAST FIRST STREET (5): None

EAST HICKORY (7): Rev. Paul Childers (Pastor), Mrs. Bessie wcanipe, Lois Canipe, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mamie Seagle

FAIRBROOK (3): Rev. Jack Warren (Pastor), Ruth E. Lail, Barbara Warren, (1 visitor)

FAIRGROVE (4): Rev. Richard Fisher (Pastor), Mrs. A. C. Sigmon, Manah Sigmon

HICKORY, FIRST (19): Dr. Billy Mobley (Pastor), Frank Barlow, Mrs. J. Frank Barlow, David Byler, Frelon Broome, Hendley Ellington, Kelly Howell, Fred M. Mull, Larry Phillips, John Pollack, Paul Powers, Jr., Van Teague, (6 visitors)

HIGHLAND (16): Rev. W. T. Mills (Pastor), Rev. Roy Beals, Phil Duncan, Mrs. W. T. Mills, Douglas West, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White, (1 visitor)

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8): B. J. Abernethy, Mrs. B. J. Abernethy, Mrs. Charlsie Abernethy, Mrs. Howard Abernethy, J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Hal Daneron, Mrs. J. J. Temple, (2 visitors)

ICARD, FIRST (6): Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), John Church, Mrs. Harvey Laughter, Rev. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Roy Simpson, (45 visitors)

LAKEVIEW (6): Rev. Walter Cooley (Pastor), Louis Robinson

LONGVIEW (4): Fred A. Crump, Sr., Mrs. Fred Crump, Sr., L. R. Tolbert

MOUNTAIN GROVE (7): Rev. Homer E. Bradey (Pastor), Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mary Huffman, Dr. Larry H. Penley, Mrs. Mildred Penley, Mrs. W. H. Whitener

NEWTON, FIRST (10): Rev. Malcolm H. Ivey (Pastor), Mrs. Jean Adams, Bob Bettini, Mrs. James E. Britt, Mary T. Brown, Charles Craig, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Charles Wilson, Mrs. Charles S. Wilson

NORTH NEWTON (7): Harold Ellis, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Jerrel Stewart, Clarence Wilson, Lorene Wilson

OXFORD (5): Rev. Bobby A. Langston (Pastor)

PENELOPE (12): Rev. Aubrey Folk (Pastor), Mrs. O. H. Cook, W. A. Cook, Mrs. W. A. Cook, William Price, Jim Robbins, Pat Robinson, Rev. Kay Smith

PROVIDENCE (4): Rev. Ben Hall (Pastor), Yates Abernethy, Carrie Schrum, Gary A. Whitener, (1 visitor)

SANDY RIDGE (8): Lillie Ellis, Claude Martin, Jay Teague, Lula Teague

SPRINGS ROAD (9): None

STARTOWN, FIRST (3): Floyd Davis, Mrs. Floyd Davis

SWEETWATER (4): None

TEMPLE (7): Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Cecil Mull

UNITY (3): None

VIEWMONT (15): Charles Brown, Janette Bumgarner, Joyce Drum, Pauline Good, Margaret Herman, Chasta Lineberger, Frances Mauser, Jill Phillips, Frank Poovey, John Quinn, Dot Rhyne, Albert A. Young

WARLICK'S (6): Rev. James D. Russell (Pastor), A. A. Crump, Mrs. A. A. Crump, Zeno E. Crump, Roscoe Huffman, Rev. Grady McCurry, (2 visitors)

WAYSIDE (3): Ed Cook, Edith Cook

WEST HICKORY (12): Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), O. A. Buff, Mrs. O. A. Buff, Helen Cater, James Coble, Mrs. James Coble, Mrs. Frank B. Deal, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Lula Stallings, Mrs. Nihla Truett, (1 visitor)

WINKLER'S GROVE (11): Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury (Pastor)

WOODLAWN (7): Rev. Harold L. Threatt (Pastor); R. T. Boatwright, Mrs. R. T. Boatwright, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Wsybil B. Stewart, Mrs. Harold L. Threatt, (3 visitors)

Visitors from outside the association - 9

Musicians from outside the association - 13

REPORTS

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Charles R. Brown

1977-78 was the year more people were reached with God's Word than ever before in Bible Society history. Since 1816, when the American Bible Society was founded, its only goal has been to translate, produce and distribute the Scriptures to people everywhere in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford.

This past year, for the first time in a single year, over 400,000,000 Bibles have been distributed in 150 different countries.

Distribution of complete Bibles in the United States increased during the year to 2,601,198 compared with 1,142,842 in 1976. This increase, according to our reports, was due to the appearance, last December, of the *Good News Bible* which in less than one year has reached a world-wide circulation of five million.

The American Bible Society asks for your continued giving so that this ministry will be able to bring God's Word to all who are in desperate need of *The Good News*.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

Rev. John Pollack

The year 1977 was one of contrasts for the Annuity Board. While the Board grew markedly in new retirement and insurance accounts, investment earnings suffered due to poor stock market performance. The year also represented a period of strong demands which resulted from servicing needs of new accounts, a complex asset allocation process, implementation of a new church retirement program and accounting responsibilities of new investment funds.

Key statistics in 1977 included:

1. A permanent 8.33 per cent increase in most annuitants' checks. The increase was retroactive to January 1.

2. A total of \$19,085,316 paid in retirement and protection benefits. Insurance benefits through church, agency and seminarian programs exceeded \$12 million.

3. The enrollment of 545 new churches in the basic retirement plan. New pastors and church employees in Plan A numbered 2,169 and 3,000 members upgraded their program.

4. Plan A members increased from 27,598 in 1976 to 29,142 in 1977. Enrollment in Plan B rose from 25,412 to 33,062, but Plan C's membership dipped from 5,987 the previous year to 4,885 for the year ended.

In 1977, premium income totaled \$45,603,942 — including relief. Total assets climbed to \$498,977,661, compared with \$473,142,631 a year earlier.

On March 31, 1978 in North Carolina, 3,387 staff members of 2,257 churches and associations are participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

In Theron Rankin Association, 28 churches and 38 staff members are participating in the retirement. The Association also participates in this program for Miss Cater.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles H. High

The Association Office Committee met and made recommendations as to salary and benefits for the Association Promotional Secretary to the Association Finance Committee. Said recommendations are reflected in the printed report of the Finance Committee.

A general overview of the work and needs of the Association office was discussed.

It was recommended that the birthday of the Promotional Secretary be added to the holiday schedule for the Promotional Secretary.

REPORT OF AUDITOR**Earl L. Melton, C.P.A.**

In accordance with your request, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1978, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Cash In Bank, \$961.19: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1978, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Cash In Savings Accounts, \$23,679.09: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings and Loan Association of \$14,505.58 and at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of \$9,173.51 on September 30, 1978, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Income, \$22,136.36: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

Expenses, \$23,302.20: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expense of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(A complete report of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations, Cash, and Analysis of Cash, made by Mr. Melton is on file in the Association office, if you desire to see it. The Statement of Operations shows an excess of expenses over Income to be \$1,165.84. - Helen Cater)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Since our representative, Paul Kennedy, has moved away the Clerk has prepared this report.

The programs, services and facilities of the Baptist Children's Homes are being utilized well for the care of children and in providing assistance to families that need our help. North Carolina Baptists and other friends continue to support this ministry through personal involvement, prayer and financial support.

Requests are coming to the Homes from various sections of the state for additional community-based services (such as emergency care and group homes). This is a wholesome trend in child care. Children can best be served and families strengthened when care can be provided reasonably close to a child's home. Our homes have been moving in that

direction for several years. We will respond to additional requests for programs and services as financial resources permit.

North Carolina Baptists have reason to be pleased with work that is currently in progress throughout our state. In the Piedmont area, Mills Home, foster home services, emergency care at Burlington and Charlotte, the high adventure program at Wall Home, the Child Development Center at Mills Home, programs of crisis intervention, counseling, and family education fill a particular need here.

We are in constant need of well qualified staff, especially cottage parents and foster home parents. Join us in prayer that God will impress upon sufficient numbers of prospective workers that child care is a Christian vocation and that it affords wonderful opportunities for service.

We are deeply grateful for support which comes from our churches through the Cooperative Program, special gifts and the traditional Thanksgiving offering. The forthcoming Thanksgiving offering is extremely important. This will be the last time that our people will have the challenge of making an over and above offering to the Children's Homes at Thanksgiving time. As a part of the Bold Missions Thrust, the Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Homes in 1979 will become a part of the State Missions offering to be received in September thereafter.

To bridge that transitional gap next year, our trustees have set a goal of \$1,000,000 through the 1978 Thanksgiving offering. We are dependent upon our friends for financial support sufficient to carry on this ministry.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Since our representative, Raleigh Castelloe, has moved away the Clerk has prepared this report.

During the past year, the Department of Family Medicine moved into new and larger quarters; hence the Family Practice Center will provide primary health care for more than 5,000 families by 1980. Also, the teaching program for resident physicians in Family Medicine will increase to 36 positions by 1980. Many of these physicians are expected to enter family practice in our state.

Other improvements in patient care include adding a whole-body scanner and the opening of new and larger facilities for the Intensive Care and Intermediate Nurseries. The body scanner is particularly useful in locating and defining problems such as tumors in the chest, abdomen and pelvic areas; in determining the spread of disease from one organ to another; and visualizing aneurysms in the abdomen. The new nurseries have already played a significant role in reducing the

infant rate and in improving the chances of premature babies growing up without lasting effects from earlier medical problems.

Creation of a new Department of Patient Relations with a full-time director has also helped to improve the quality of patient care with the primary function to respond to specific concerns patients have regarding their hospital care and to act in behalf of patients and their families in resolving problems and meeting needs.

A closed-circuit television system, purchased with funds from the estate of Miss Olivia Hall who worked for the Hospital for nearly a half-century, will soon be carrying services from the hospital chapel, other devotional and educational programs to patient rooms, and also be used in staff education programs.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues to make a significant contribution to patient care and in clinical pastoral education, counseling and enrichment events. During recent months the department has begun another satellite center; their fourth, in Charlotte, is operated in cooperation with the Mecklenburg Association. In April of this year, the Counseling Center received accreditation by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

In recent months, the Medical Center Challenge Program completed a successful fund campaign, over-subscribing its \$18-million goal. The final project in this program will be the replacement of the original hospital building, opened in 1923, with a new Focus Building which is scheduled for completion in 1980.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

B. J. Abernethy

This year has been good for us in learning. The State Convention has led in two workshops in the Association. Mr. Ed Bullock and David Langford, along with Mr. Bob Watson, was much help with the workshops at Hildebran Church and the one at North Newton Church. Attendance was good at both training sessions.

I was happy to be able to attend the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest in May for two days with a follow-up training session in July at Penelope Church.

Pray with me that we will live up to the Bold Missions effort this next year.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. Homer E. Bradey

The 1978 Central Training School reminded me a great deal of a heart warming Revival. We had 20 Foreign, Home and State Mis-

sionaries with us during the week of February 12-16. The cooperation was excellent with 28 churches participating in the school. The attendance was truly outstanding with 783 enrolled and 452 average attendance for the week.

Morning sessions were well attended and the missionaries made you feel as if you were with them on their field of service. I have never seen Baptist staff members give a better account of themselves. Dr. Cecil Ray challenged Theron Rankin Baptists to Bold Missions. Other convention representatives demonstrated a beautiful spirit during the week and did excellent work.

The 1979 school will be held February 19-21 at First Church, Hickory. Three emphases will characterize the 1979 school. First, age-level Church Training developing books will be taught by state approved workers. Second, Family Life Emphasis will be led by Mac Wallace from North Carolina Baptist Hospital. Children and youth will be included in Family Life also. Third, Church Staff Relations will be included with a Southern Baptist Convention Staff Member from the Church Administration Department leading.

A real effort has been made to make the 1979 school innovative and helpful. The Central Training School might well be the innovator for years to come if enough thought and hard work is put forth.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Larry R. Phillips

Baptists of North Carolina support and operate, through elected trustees, six colleges and one university: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wingate and Wake Forest University. The histories of these colleges and the Baptist State Convention have intersected and intertwined since 1834. While not all of the colleges were begun by the Convention per se, all were begun by Baptists, with strong convictions about the need for Christian higher education. The seven colleges have been in operation for a total of 729 years. Currently, faculty and staff number 1,441. During the 1977-78 academic year, the full-time enrollment of the colleges was 13,000. The total enrollment, including summer school and special students, was more than 19,000.

Baptist colleges serve Christ and Baptist people best when they are truest to their primary mission, Christian education. Christian education is education under Christian auspices for Christian ends. Christian education is Christianity operating in the field of enlightenment. A Christian college is a college founded and maintained and conducted by Christian people in the service of the Kingdom of God.

Because Christians affirm the doctrine of creation, there is no subject of investigation which is inappropriate for Christian education, from

Art to Zoology. The telescope becomes the tool of the Kingdom for those who believe that "The heavens declare the glory of God." The historian's pen and the biologist's microscope are welcome allies to those whose quest is "That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

Churches are urged to encourage their youth to attend a Baptist college. Most of the students attending a North Carolina Baptist college receive some form of financial assistance. Each of the colleges pledges to assist needy students with financial aid. Students who need to apply for financial aid should make application to college early in the senior year of high school. Grants, loans and work scholarships are available for those who need them.

North Carolina Baptist colleges continue to be grateful for generous financial support through the Cooperative Program. The colleges reaffirm their support and partnership in missions with the churches, and offer the services of faculty, students and other campus resources to make the Bold Missions emphasis of Southern Baptists a vital successful ministry.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold Threatt

The Christian Life Council is comprised of twenty persons elected by the State Convention, and is under the direction of Charles V. Petty. These persons give overall leadership to the Council's staff.

Much energy was spent working for the defeat of the liquor by the drink bill. Over 125,000 flyers were distributed to North Carolina Baptists. While the efforts of Baptists did not defeat the bill, our efforts did result in a better bill being passed than the one originally proposed.

Another concern of the Council is television and its impact upon the morals of our people. Over 60,000 copies of "*The Grabber*," a pamphlet dealing with the use and abuse of television, were distributed upon request. Unless Baptists learn to control television, it will control them by occupying their thoughts and time.

World Hunger is an issue which haunts all of us. The Council has printed and is distributing thousands of tracts which offer practical suggestions for Baptists on how to respond to world hunger. August 2 was World Hunger Day among Southern Baptists and the Council attempted to help Baptists be aware of this emphasis.

On several occasions Jesus stated that His disciples were to reflect their faith in Him through their lifestyles. Discovering the will and the way of Jesus is what the Council seeks to do.

The Christian Life Committee in your association is an extended arm of the Christian Life Council of your state convention.

The chairman of your committee participated in the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest in April, and shared part of that conference with our churches at the Associational “Bold Missions” Key Leadership Conference at Penelope Baptist Church on July 25th.

It seems evident that legislation is not the solution to the problems we face, such as liquor by the drink, adult book stores, etc.

Jesus Christ gave us the solution when He said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20.

As the number of baptisms decrease our social problems increase. Evangelism is the answer!—The kind of evangelism that produces true disciples of Jesus Christ.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dan L. Waters

Knowledge has been defined by Webster as “acquaintance or familiarity (with a fact, place, etc.), b) awareness, c) understanding and information.”

The Old Testament Minor prophet, Hosea, declared “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” Hosea 4:6.

Our Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, publishes millions of magazines, books, tracts and quarterlies. Also available are sound recordings, tapes and all types of audio visuals on the teaching of the Bible.

Baptists should be well informed. The Bible says, “To whom much is given, much is required.”

We must encourage you to read and to study the *Word of God* so that we can discern the Word of truth with others.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Mrs. Smoot Baker

To develop disciples, to take every member of each church from where they are to where they can be with God’s help is the aim of Church Training. The Associational organization is designed to assist churches in this effort. AND—exciting things are happening!

During the past year many things have contributed to notable growth in the training programs of several churches:

Two area meetings with local Church Training Directors for information and update were conducted in October;

An Interpretation Supper in preparation for the Church Training Growth Project with Rev. Glenn Smith of Nashville as speaker was also in October;

“M” Night at Newton, First in November was outstanding in inspiration and information;

The new “Developing” books were presented by State personnel at Hickory, First in February;

Eleven churches participated in the Church Training Growth Project March 11-15;

Your Associational Director visited each participating church during that week;

Associational Youth Night in April at Penelope was an exciting experience. Speakers from three churches participated in the Tournament at this time;

Children’s Memory Drill was conducted at Highland Church in May with six participants;

Church Training Week at Caswell, June 19-24, was attended by several from our association;

Church Training Week at Ridgecrest in July found other of our people in attendance;

Two new Church Training organizations have been started: Catawba Valley and Hickory, First; new departments and/or Training Groups have been begun and definite growth is evident in many areas;

Your Associational Director assisted in local Church Training Council meetings, spoke in worship hours and otherwise tried to encourage and strengthen local church organizations.

To BE is to stay where you are; to BECOME is to grow from where you are Godward. Training makes the difference!

Your associational officers stand ready to help any church who will invite us.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Rev. Homer F. Greene

This committee has had no activities during the year.

REPORT OF EVANGELISM

Rev. H. Phillip King

1977-78 has been an exciting year for evangelism in the Theron Rankin Association. Multiple plans for crusades were being laid by our

Methodist brothers as well as the Baptists. Possibilities of full-scale area-wide crusades were discussed.

Early in 1978 attention was drawn to the West Hickory-Longview Ford Philpot Crusade. Plans were scaled down to include four or more Baptist churches in cooperation with a Lutheran, a Church of God and two Methodist churches for the October 1978 Crusade at West Hickory Baptist Church.

February's Evangelism Conference and our School of Missions became springboards of evangelistic concern. Spring revivals among the churches generated enthusiasm.

The Bold Missions Thrust adopted by North Carolina Baptists in November was highlighted in Key Church Leadership Conferences at Ridgecrest in May. Bold Missions in the local church was studied by pastors and laymen at afternoon and evening sessions on September 19th at West Hickory. Rev. Bill Lamb led the study and rally with Viewmont providing special music.

Several groups performed evangelistic missions ministries during the summer. Those reporting such activities were: Central, Hickory, First, Highland, Mountain Grove and Viewmont. West Hickory joined hands with a new congregation in Woodstock, Vermont by providing choir robes and music.

Over 12,000 Youth joined about 6 or 8 busloads from the Theron Rankin for Youth Evangelism Night in Greensboro on August 19th.

Evangelism is not only a key word or concept, it is the Key Action for Southern Baptists in the Theron Rankin for 1978-79. Our churches have observed Soul-Winning Day, pledging to substantially increase our baptisms this year. Let us double baptisms this year from 313 to 626. It can be done!

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four regular sessions this year with average attendance of 33 from 26 churches and a special called session in February. At the called session, during the World Missions Conference, the Treasurer and Promotional Secretary were given permission to borrow money from the general savings account (up to \$1,000.00) if necessary in order to pay expenses for the 20 missionaries and give them \$100.00 honorarium. To date, we have not had to borrow; however, our bank balance continues to remain very low. During our regular sessions reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. Moderator J. Bruce Walker presided over each session.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

—Applied for \$2,500.00 lot aid from the Baptist State Convention (received \$1,200.00).

—Instructed the Nominating committee to set up a committee on Ministry with Aging.

—Approved the Trustees recommendations for awarding Scholarships.

—Endorsed the recommendation of the Membership committee that the Catawba Valley Church be received into full fellowship of the Association.

—Approved the recommendation of the Association Office committee that we add to the Job Description that the Promotional Secretary have the day off on her birthday.

—Recommended that in 1980 we meet on one (1) day only (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. and close after the night session.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin A. Walker

The Extension Committee has had no formal meetings this year. To imply an old expression, already we have bitten off as much as we can chew. There are two suggestions however. It would be good if each church would include a stated amount in her annual budget for the mission site we are buying. This would avoid making a special offering for this. And the more we can pay on this the more interest we save. The other suggestion is that we pray for divine leadership in using these seven acres wisely in the near future.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Since the representative for Foreign Missions has moved away, the Clerk is preparing a summary as follows:

279 missionaries appointed in 1977

Work in 90 countries

Missionary staff:

Career missionaries - 2,365

Missionary associates - 217

Missionary Journeymen - 183

Special Project workers - 11

A total of 2,413 people (in addition to the missionary staff already there) went overseas for Mission Service Corp and volunteers in missions programs in 1977.

In 1977, Southern Baptists' contributions for foreign missions totaled \$57,918,817. The 1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goals was \$34 million.

Approximately 50 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention Program funds is made available annually for foreign missions. This is the basis upon which Bold Mission Thrust can be built. Still urgently needed on overseas fields are land, buildings, and equipment, amounting to several million dollars worth.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The 22nd annual session of the association was held October 20-21 at OXFORD and STARTOWN, FIRST CHURCH. We accepted the CATAWBA VALLEY CHURCH, Highway #10 east of Newton, under the watchcare of our association, heard reports, conducted business and heard inspirational messages.

During the year major events were: World Missions Conference held at HIGHLAND; Bold Missions Key Leadership Conference at PENELOPE; and in Sunday School — VBS Clinic; Church Training - Church Growth Project, Youth Rally, "M" Night; WMU and Brotherhood - leadership training; Music - Choral reading session. Two young ladies entered Foreign Missions service: Miss Patsy Davis, NEWTON, FIRST, now missionary in Brazil and Miss Janie Ellis, CENTRAL and former secretary at VIEWMONT, now missionary associate in Japan. PENELOPE is sponsoring a furloughing home for the Clif Staton family from Tanzania and they are living in a home owned by WEST HICKORY. Billy Boggs, CLAREMONT, FIRST, placed first in the Region and third in the State in the Speakers Tournament.

Events in the churches are: BROOKFORD called Rev. George L. Huffman, Jr. as pastor. CALVARY renovated sanctuary, improved educational building, increased deacons from 9 to 12, and initiated a music program for children and youth. CATAWBA VALLEY came under watchcare of the association and began construction of a new building. CORINTH called Rev. Joe Woods as pastor and air conditioned their educational building. EAST FIRST STREET paved their parking area. EAST HICKORY called Rev. Paul Childers after Rev. Joe Coltrane resigned; Sidney Tanner resigned as Minister of Music/Youth. FAIRBROOK called Rev. Jack D. Warren after Rev. Carroll Craig resigned. FAIRGROVE ordained Rev. Jack Warren to the Gospel Ministry. HICKORY, FIRST called Dr. Kelly Howell as Minister of Education/Administration; recognized Rev. David O. Byler on 20th anniversary as Minister of Music and gave him a new car. HIGHLAND called Rev. W. T. Mills as Pastor after Rev. Charles High resigned; completed their new educational building.

HILDEBRAN, FIRST, Dr. Ben Byrd resigned as pastor. LONGVIEW called Rev. Joe Canipe after Rev. Glen Ramsey resigned. NEWTON, FIRST called Rev. Malcolm Ivey as pastor; Rev. Raleigh Castelloe resigned as Associate Pastor. NORTH NEWTON called Rev. Darrell Saunders as pastor; they are now debt-free. PENELOPE called Kay Smith as Minister of Education/Activities and Tommy Scarborough as Minister of Music/Youth; they paid off debt on Fellowship Center. PROVIDENCE observed their 100th anniversary in June and paid off their debt. SANDY RIDGE, Rev. Ronald Kiser resigned as associate pastor. TEMPLE paid off their debt. UNITY paid off their debt; Rev. Wilborn Merck resigned as pastor. VIEWMONT, Rev. Albert A. Young retired after serving as pastor for 26 ½ years; Charles Brown observed his 11th year as Minister of Music/Youth; advanced plans for construction of a new building.

WARLICK'S, Pastor, Rev. Matt L. Hastings, died in the pulpit on Sunday morning, November 13th, after serving 27 years as pastor; they have called Rev. James D. Russell as pastor. WEST HICKORY, Edgar L. Lineberger resigned as Minister of Music/Education; they have called Jo Ann Fowler as Director of Music. WINKLER'S GROVE, began construction on their new sanctuary. WOODLAWN, Paul McManus resigned as Minister of Music/Education/Youth; Mrs. Gale Benfield is serving as Interim Director of Music.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Miss Doris Cope

Bold Mission Thrust - the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to reach the nation for Christ - occupied a top spot in the attention of staff, missionary personnel and directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board this past year. In cooperation with state conventions, the Home Mission Board devoted considerable attention and effort to working with both state and associational leadership in the implementation of Bold Missions Thrust plans.

During the year, the 14 program areas and six support sectors performed a number of functions. The programs are as follows: Evangelism Development, Personal Evangelism, Mass Evangelism, Chaplaincy, Church Loans, Associational Administration Services, Metropolitan Missions, Rural-Urban Missions, Christian Social Ministries, Church Extension, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Interfaith Witness, Language Missions, Pioneer Missions, Special Missions Ministries, Planning Section, Services Section.

At the year's end, the Home Mission Board staff reached 102. During 1977, three new positions were added; assistant director the language missions department, assistant director of church extension,

and director of Mission Service Corps coordination. During the year, the missionary force increased 338, growing to 2,830 persons under appointment.

Again, during 1977, financial support of the work of the Home Mission Board was outstanding. Cooperative Program gifts increased 15 per cent and contributions to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions gained 11.58 percent.

REPORT ON HOMES FOR THE AGING

Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill

As Baptists work together in an ever-expanding ministry for the elderly in our society we are seeing concern and compassion bearing fruit. From a very small beginning some 27 years ago we have gone to several homes now and an excellent nursing facility. We have gone from little support to state-wide support for this worthy undertaking. Time is proving the wisdom of the men who have the foresight to see the need and courage to begin on faith some of our most worthy undertakings.

Under the leadership of trained and experienced men, our new home at Asheville will be a tremendous asset to our continuous effort to minister to the ever-growing number of aged people in our state. This is the first home in western North Carolina and this area has responded to the appeal for capital funds in a remarkable way.

As the number of aged people continues to climb, and as the need increases and inflation continues, the need for increased support to this great work is self-apparent. As part of our Bold Mission thrust, North Carolina should and will continue to respond to the ministry of caring for our aged people.

A word should be said about the ministry in the homes. Here the residents know they are loved and wanted; there is a Christian atmosphere that makes it different. The relationship between the staff and the residents reflect a family spirit and the idea of this being "home" is not far-fetched.

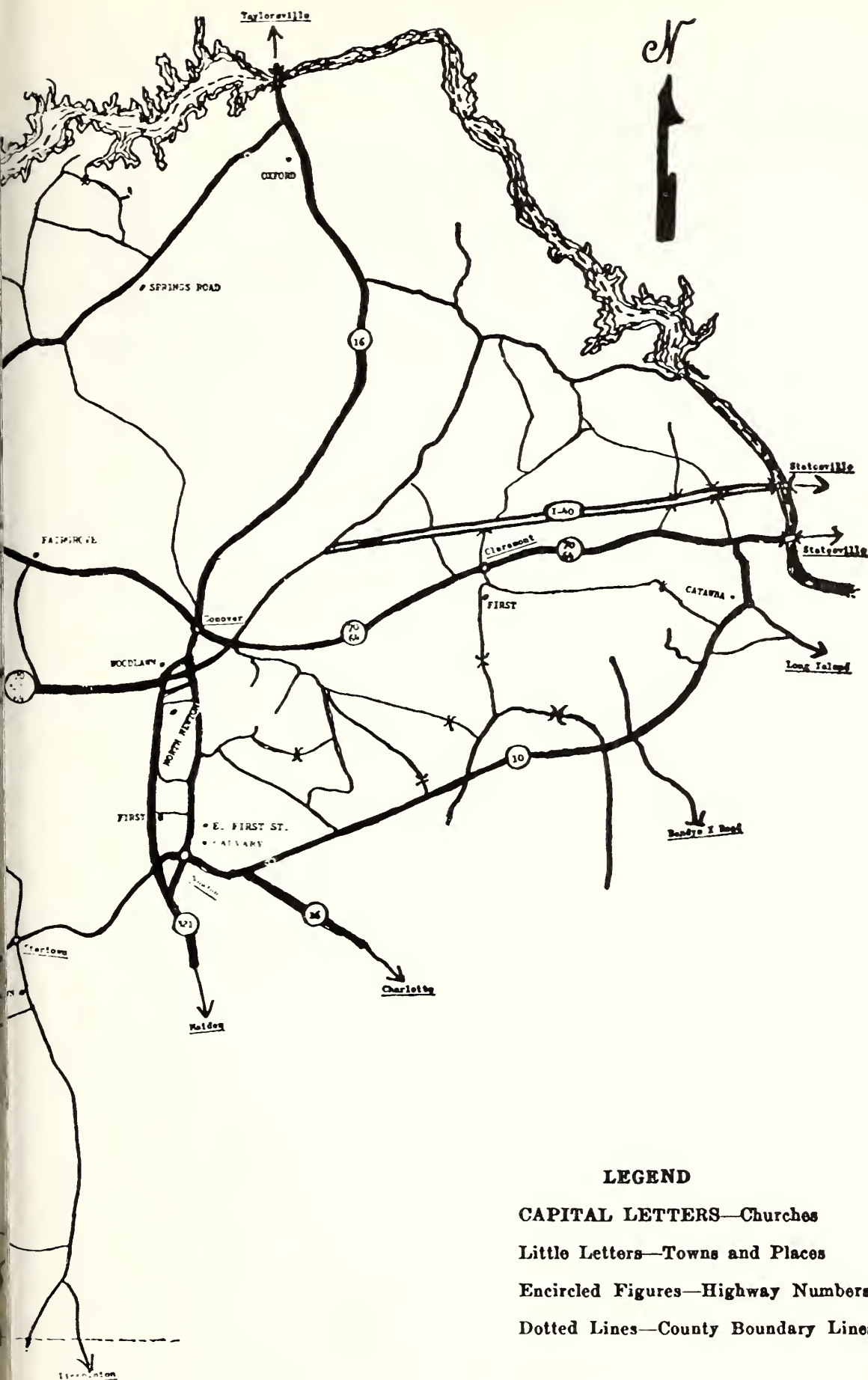
Let us remember that our Homes draw their support from the Cooperative Program and our special State Missions offering and the goal for next year is a challenging one. Let's dig deep and respond to this great ministry of love.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Wray G. Barrett

Last year, at the annual meeting of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, the Catawba Valley Baptist Church came under the watchcare of our association.

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The church since that time has made much progress. They are in a building program at this time. The new church plant is being built at a cost of \$125,000 and is located south of Highway #16, on the Buffalo Shoals Road, east of Maiden, N.C. They have a membership of 45, and average around 35 in Sunday School with a weekly offering of about \$350,000 according to the pastor's statement. The church has made plans to finance \$100,000 on their new building program and they have \$18,000 in the building fund. The pastor, Rev. Ted L. Turner, and the Church have cooperated with our association during the year.

We, the membership committee of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, are in full agreement that the Catawba Valley Baptist Church be accepted into the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

C. Hendley Ellington

Two activities for ministers of music and church choir members have been carried out at the associational level this year. The first was the Associational Music Conference for which First, Hickory was host on January 28, 1978. This dinner meeting was attended by 133 persons with 15 churches represented. After a fine meal, David O. Byler led the group in a choral reading session.

The second was the music section of the Associational "Bold Missions" Workshop in which music leaders from seven churches participated. At this session ways by which each church's music ministry can support the Bold Missions effort were considered.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

J. Max Smith

Clerk	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
Historian	J. Perry Abernethy
Parliamentarian	Dr. Smoot Baker
Trustees:	

Term expiring 1979, Chairman	William E. Burton, Jr.
Term expiring 1980	J. Rudy Roberts
Term expiring 1981	John Hall
Sunday School Director	Rev. Douglas West
Church Training Director	Mrs. Smoot Baker
Baptist Men's Director	B. J. Abernethy
Woman's Missionary Union Director	Mrs. Bruce Walker
Music Director	Tommy Scarborough

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Dr. Billy Mobley, Chmn., Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., Rev. Harold Threatt, Music Director, Host Pastors for the 1979 annual sessions

MEMBERSHIP: Rev. Darrell Saunders, Chmn., Rev. Fred E. Thompson, James W. Coble, Rev. Aubrey D. Folk, John F. Deal

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Ronald Johnson, Chmn., Rev. A. V. Ledford, Floyd Davis, Mrs. Garland Early, John Quinn

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: E. Murray Tate, Jr., Chmn., Boyce B. Dobbins, J. Max Smith

EXTENSION: Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Chmn., C. W. Broome, Rev. Homer Bradey, Joe Watkins, Martin Frank

FINANCE: Gary Whitener, Chmn., Buck Little, Paul Tolbert, Rev. Wray G. Barrett, David L. Stewart, Earl L. Melton, Auditor, Frelon W. Broome, Treas., Ex Officio

PLACE & PREACHER: Wayne McDowell, Chmn., Rev. Jack Warren, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Rev. Bobby Langston, Rev. V. C. Martin

CHRISTIAN LIFE: Rev. Ben Hall, Chmn., Rev. George L. Huffman, Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury, Rev. Larry Phillips, Rev. Walter Cooley

ORDINATION: Rev. Harvey Laughter, Chmn., Rev. Paul Childers, Rev. Homer F. Greene, Harry Evans, Rev. Richard Fisher

PUBLICITY: Dr. Larry Penley, Chmn., Graham Dixon, (one to be named)

EVANGELISM: Rev. H. Phillip King, Chmn., Harold Ellis, Rev. Albert A. Young

ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chmn., Plus three associates from each host church

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Chmn., Rev. I. D. Phillips, Charles R. Brown, Rev. David O. Byler, Miss Martha Eggers

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Director, plus the head of each program organization or their representative

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chmn., Bill Styers, Earl Roberts

NOMINATING: Representative named by each program organization; plus Pastor/Advisor named by the Moderator

MINISTRY WITH THE AGING: R. D. Buie, Chmn., Mrs. Colon Canipe, Mrs. Doris Kalenian, V. H. White, O. A. Buff

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society	Miss Judy Barkley
Annuity Board	Rev. John M. Pollack
Baptist Hospital	Rev. Garland Early
Children's Homes	Ray J. Summers
Christian Education	Rev. Kay Smith
Christian Literature	Mrs. J. D. Reinhardt
Homes For the Aging	Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Rose W. Wolff
Home Missions	Mrs. James W. Coble
State Missions	Mrs. Larry Penley

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Rev. I. D. Phillips

The Ordination Committee of Theron Rankin Baptist Association was called upon by the Fairbrook Baptist Church to examine and assist in the ordination of Jack D. Warren into the gospel ministry.

The committee convened at Fairgrove Baptist Church on March 10, 1978 to assist in the questioning of Jack Warren and approved his ordination unanimously.

Jack D. Warren was ordained at Fairgrove Baptist Church, his home church, on April 2, 1978. Brother Warren is now pastor of Fairbrook Baptist Church.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

J. Max Smith

The Place and Preacher Committee received an invitation from the Woodlawn Baptist Church, for the 1979 Annual Session on the first day. We received an invitation to meet with Sandy Ridge Baptist Church for the second day.

We recommend the following for the 1979 Annual Session:

1st Day - Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover

2nd Day - Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, Hickory

We further recommend that Rev. Homer Bradey preach the Annual Sermon, with Rev. Harold L. Threatt as alternate.

Also we recommend that in 1980, the Annual Session be held for one day only, on Thursday following the third Sunday in October.

RESOLUTIONS

Recognizing God as the giver of every good and perfect gift and ourselves as the stewards of these gifts, and acknowledging that the purpose in all of God's graceful giving is for the redemption of humankind through Jesus, the Christ,

We, the messengers to the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, hereby resolve:

1. Our sincere appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Icard and its pastor, Rev. Harvey Laughter, for their warm hospitality in providing us their beautiful and very adequate facilities for our first session.

We also thank the members of First Baptist Church, ICARD, for a beautiful climate for Christian fellowship within their new Christian Life Center where they served an unusually delicious evening meal.

2. We further express our appreciation to the Viewmont Baptist Church and to its leadership in hosting the second session of our fathering within the worshipful atmosphere of its sanctuary and in their comfortable fellowship facilities.

We are thankful for the Viewmont Baptist Church members serving our sumptuous fellowship meal today.

3. We express our deep appreciation to Gary A. Whitener, chairman, and members of the Program Committee and to all program personalities who led us to a meaningful development and understanding of our Association in Bold Missions. We also thank those who led us in the musical celebration of worship and praise.

4. We express our appreciation to Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Moderator; Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, Vice-Moderator; Miss Helen Cater, Clerk and Promotional Secretary; Frelon Broome, Treasurer; and V. H. White, Registrar, for their leadership as officers of the Association. We further express our gratitude to the various committees for their work this past year.

5. We express our gratitude to the Young Adult Ensemble of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, and their director, Hal Shoemaker, for the special musicale—"Bold Missions." We also express our deep appreciation to our visiting speakers for their inspirational messages: William H. Boatwright on Bold Missions Through Radio and Television; Rev. Douglas Cole, Associate Director, Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention for his thoughts on ways of doing Bold Missions, and Rev. H. Phillip King for the annual sermon and to Dr. Billy T. Mobley, for the doctrinal sermon.

6. We, as messengers, express our appreciation to the Mayor and City Alderman of the Town of Longview for their courageous action in their effort to block the opening of the Centar II Bar and Lounge on Highway 64-70 in Longview and Catawba County.

7. We express our thanksgiving for the churches of the Western end of our Association in their leadership in the recent Ford Philpot Crusade in that area and pray that this will be an impetus for Bold Evangelism for all Christian denominations for the greater Hickory area.

8. We express our prayerful concern for the moral fiber of our state as it relates to the recent passage of Liquor by the Drink in many of our counties.

We also resolve ourselves to prayer and Christian love/support to the counties, especially Catawba and Burke, that will be faced with this decision in the near future.

9. We, the messengers to the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, do hereby resolve ourselves anew to be on Bold Mission, giving ourselves to the Great Commission, reaching the world for Christ and all that Bold Mission demands in faith, faithfulness and a true Christian life style in the world.

Aubrey D. Folk, Chairman

Mrs. Henry Wallace

Miss Edna Danner

Mr. Frank Poovey

THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in Hickory:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1977	\$13,971.92
Deposits added this year:	
Wilson Aultman memorials	\$58.00
Providence Baptist Church	50.00
	<u>108.00</u>
Dividends added this year	<u>1,070.78</u>
Total on deposit in the two accounts	\$15,150.70
These funds are divided as follows:	
Savings Certificate (4 year demand)	14,328.36
Account at 5¾% Interest (90 day demand)	822.34
These funds are designated as follows:	
Permanent principal	\$12,059.43
Total dividends	<u>3,091.27</u>

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS**Mrs. Larry Penley**

The 1977 State Missions offering was Phase I. It opened the door to Bold Missions by raising \$901,394. The achievement was made by efforts of 1,000 church leaders who were willing to be interpreters in churches for State Missions. Churches responded by adopting goals ranging from two to ten times the amount given to the 1976 offering. Many churches learned about State Missions for the first time, because many churches gave for the first time to State Missions, so the educational value to our churches was great.

The 1977 offering paid off debts on the classroom building at Fruitland, the Parking Lot at the Baptist Building and partially paid for the Baptist Building new addition and Caraway Conference Center.

The offering last year saved an estimated \$218,000 in interest alone over the life of the retired debt. This is money we will not have to pay. This is money for Ministries.

Theron Rankin churches supported this State Missions Phase I, now it is time to move to Phase II. Let us all do our part in helping to eliminate all convention indebtedness and be a part of the Bold Missions Thrust.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**Rev. Walter L. Cooley**

Several of our age-group workers were invited to assist churches in our association with conferences designed to upgrade their Bible teaching program. We welcome such invitations and encourage others to call upon us as needed.

Ben Hall, our Vacation Bible School Director, assisted by our other very able workers, led us in our annual spring Vacation Bible School Preparation Clinic at First Baptist Church, Hickory. Encouraging reports were received from all our churches concerning their schools this year.

We also assisted in a Key Leadership Conference at Penelope Baptist Church last July. This was well attended and very rewarding.

Permit me to thank you for allowing me to serve in such a great area of our work. This coming year promises to be even greater as Douglas West assumes this key leadership position. I know you join me in pledging your prayers and support to Doug and the Associational Sunday School Staff. "Gather the people together, men and women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 31:12)

Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee

Frelon W. Broome, Treas., Fred Mull, Finance Chmn.

BUDGET GOAL

AMOUNT RECEIVED 10/1/77—9:30 78 BUDGET GOAL

This Year General Fund World Miss- Co. Extension 1978-79
ions Conf. (Spec. Acct)

Brookford	\$ 146.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 30.00	\$ —	\$ 162.00
Calvary	393.00	390.00	30.00	25.00	402.00
Catawba	214.00	241.00*	—	40.00	219.00
Catawba Val.	—	—	50.00	—	54.00
Central	557.00	400.00	45.00	200.00	614.00
Claremont, First ..	196.00	75.00	10.00	—	202.00
Corinth	333.00	333.00*	—	—	333.00
East First St.	396.00	360.00	—	—	406.00
East Hickory	621.00	624.00*	50.00	—	635.00
Fairbrook	199.00	199.00*	—	—	170.00
Fairgrove	239.00	175.00	25.00	—	269.00
Hickory, First	2,615.00	2,586.00	200.00	2,107.80	2,700.00
Highland	1,673.00	1,500.00	125.00	600.00	2,480.00
Hildebran, First..	817.00	576.00	—	500.00	807.00
Icard, First	542.00	517.00	30.00	—	542.00
Lakeview	485.00	757.78*	38.50	—	482.00
Longview	191.00	162.00	—	102.00	194.00
Mountain Gr.	606.00	550.00	75.00	633.00	606.00
Newton, First	936.00	921.00	140.20	350.00	892.00
North Newton ..	672.00	600.00	45.60	200.00	514.00
Oxford	296.00	296.00*	—	303.00	399.00
Penelope	1,389.00	600.00	200.00	—	1,278.00
Providence	222.00	227.00*	50.00	59.43	224.00
Sandy Ridge	725.00	350.00	60.00	100.00	660.00
Springs Road	644.00	644.00*	42.00	242.90	677.00
Startown, First ..	240.00	250.00*	20.00	150.00	274.00
Sweetwater	190.00	577.01***	—	—	207.00
Temple	501.00	490.00	100.00	455.00	557.00
Unity	210.00	—	—	—	237.00
Viewmont	1,489.00	1,300.00	100.00	74.00	1,659.00
Warlick's	318.00	287.00	—	—	272.00
Wayside	79.00	15.00	—	—	79.00
West Hickory	1,033.00	1,099.77*	125.00	—	1,023.00
Winkler's Gr.	858.00	250.00	—	—	888.00
Woodlawn	892.00	660.00	50.00	395.00	931.00
TOTALS	\$20,917.00	\$18,174.84	\$1,641.30	\$6,537.13	\$22,048.00

The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9-30-77 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.

EACH CHURCH is requested to put an amount equal to \$1.00 per member in their 1979 Budget designated for Association Church Extension. THIS ITEM IS IN ADDITION TO YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

		BUDGET SPEC. RECTS EXPENSES BUDGET						
DEPARTMENT	BUDGET	1977-78	1977-78	1977-78	1978-79			
Sunday School	\$	250.00	\$	202.50	\$	363.88	\$	250.00
Church Training		500.00		103.40		506.78		400.00
Woman's Missionary Union		400.00		—		400.00		400.00
Brotherhood		100.00		—		64.00		150.00
Music		100.00		—		18.85		100.00
Printing & Postage		600.00		—		547.82		725.00
Churches entertaining								
annual meeting		300.00		—		300.00		400.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College		200.00		—		—		200.00
Scholarships (three)		1,050.00		645.00		1,695.00		1,050.00
Minutes		900.00		25.00		1,048.24		1,200.00
Central Training School		1,800.00		2,009.33		4,317.20		1,200.00
Evangelism		300.00		—		104.14		500.00
Youth Work		300.00		—		28.25		200.00
Salaries		8,000.00		—		8,000.00		8,800.00
Social Security (Assoc. part)		477.00		—		488.78		543.00
Medical/Life/								
Disability Insurance		549.00		—		490.21		575.00
Car Allowance		700.00		—		700.00		700.00
Convention/Ridgecrest								
(Promotional Secy)		500.00		—		439.00		600.00
Office Utilities		400.00		—		440.07		450.00
Office Supplies		600.00		335.48		827.49		700.00
Audio-Visual Aids		400.00		—		11.79		300.00
South Mountain								
Baptist Camp		350.00		—		350.00		350.00
Office help		100.00		—		68.50		100.00
Miscellaneous		605.00		16.90		301.90		324.00
Office Equipment &								
Maintenance		350.00		—		84.25		400.00
Annuity		932.00		—		932.00		1,012.00
Christmas Bonus								
(Promotional Secretary)		154.00		—		154.00		169.00
World Missions								
Conference (escrow)		—		—		—		250.00
TOTALS	\$	20,917.00	\$	3,961.52	\$	23,302.20	\$	22,048.00
Life Insurance				344.91		341.05		
Church Extension				279.00		279.00		
TOTALS	\$	20,917.00	\$	3,961.52	\$	23,302.20	\$	22,048.00

SUMMARY — October 1, 1977 — September 30, 1978

Balance on hand on October 1, 1977	\$ 2,127.03
Receipts: from the churches for general fund	\$18,174.84
sale of supplies	335.48
Church Extension (to be transferred)	279.00
Life Insurance (designated)	344.91
Association Minutes (Longview Church)	25.00
World Missions Conf.	
(from the churches)	\$ 1,641.30
Missions Rally offering	253.03
Brotherhood Breakfast	
(Highland Church)	85.00
Refund (Missionary	
travel overpaid)	30.00 2,009.33
Church Growth Project	103.40
State Sales Tax Refund	16.90
VBS Clinic Supper	202.50
Scholarships (designated)	645.00
Total receipts during this period	\$22,136.36
Total amount to be accounted for during this period	24,263.39
Less Disbursements (listed above)	23,302.20
Balance on hand on September 30, 1978	961.19

Savings Accounts

Savings Certificate, 7½% (30 month demand)		
First Savings & Loan	\$13,564.46	
Dividends added this year	941.12	\$14,505.58
Account, 5¾% (90 day notice) Fidelity		
Federal Savings & Loan	4,638.08	
Dividends added this year	274.49	4,912.57
Account, 5¼% (on demand) Fidelity Federal Savings		
& Loan Assoc.	4,043.02	
Dividends added this year	217.92	4,260.94
Total on deposit in the three accounts on		
September 30, 1978		\$23,679.09
(Total dividends added this year in the		
three accounts:	\$ 1,433.53)	

Church Extension Account

Balance on hand on September 30, 1977	\$ 4,282.44
Receipts: from the churches (see Treasurers report)	\$ 6,537.13
from five churches (special account)	146.35
from Baptist State Convention	1,200.00

Total received for Church Extension during this period	7,883.48
Total to be accounted for during this period	12,165.92
Disbursements: Gerald M. Yoder	\$ 3,706.20
Norman S. James	2,880.00
Total paid out during this period	\$ 6,586.20
Balance on hand on September 30, 1978	5,579.72

REPORT OF TRUSTEES
C. Van Teague

This year the Trustees received six applications for the three available scholarships of \$350.00 each in our budget. These were awarded to: Kenneth Lee Teague, Oxford Church, and Bonnie Ann Estes (2nd year), Calvary Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College; Shari Diane Lafone (2nd year), Viewmont Church, to attend Mars Hill College.

The Trustees raised funds from individuals to award \$215.00 each in Scholarships to the other three applicants as follows: Pamela Wann McCaslin, Corinth Church; Debra Lynn Little, Claremont, First Church; and Joyce Diane Smith, Woodlawn Church; all three to attend Gardner-Webb College.

REPORT OF WOMAN’S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Bruce Walker

Woman’s Missionary Union is accepting the challenge of the Bold Missions Thrust. This is evident as local churches have expressed interest in better educating of people in missions. In April, we conducted conferences for each age-level organization for the purpose of demonstrating better mission study methods and techniques.

Girls in Action gathered at the Christian Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Icard for a time of fun and fellowship. The puppet ministry of First Baptist Church, Hickory, entertained and challenged the girls and their leaders.

Baptist Young Women were challenged and entertained at a missions celebration. Food of various countries made a delicious meal and Yvonne Stephens, missionary to Indonesia, shared missions information from her country of service.

We are proud that one Acteen has been awarded the Acteens Studiact Scholarship. She is Debra Lynn Little, First Baptist Church, Claremont. She is attending Gardner-Webb College. We commend her for the hard work that this represents and wish her much success as she continues her education.

ANNUAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING

The 1978 WMU annual session was held on April 4th at the First Baptist Church, Startown. The age-level leaders met with the Association directors to discuss better means and methods of conducting mission study in their particular age group. 100 ladies from 21 churches were registered.

During a brief opening session presided over by Mrs. James R. Glenn, Associate Director, the officers for the coming year were installed. Their names appear in the Association Directory of this issue.

IN MEMORIAM

CALVARY, NEWTON

Mrs. Euzelia Summers
Mrs. Dicie Dallas

CORINTH

Mr. Sum Propst
Mr. Raymond Abernathy
Mr. Frank Reems

EAST FIRST STREET

Mr. Chester Greer

EAST HICKORY

Mr. Benny McGuire
Mr. Raymond Hagie
Mr. James Ward

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Mr. Lester Mull (Deacon)

FAIRGROVE

Mr. Harold Clampett

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Mr. Kenneth Reese
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Mr. Ellis D. Cook
Mr. Curtis Powell
Mrs. Troy Lefevers
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Mr. J. E. Hurst
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LONGVIEW

Mr. Carl Brooks, Jr.
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Mr. Jim Shelton

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Mr. Archie Butler
Mrs. H. J. Clark
Mrs. Onnie Smith
Mrs. R. W. Cline
Mr. Will Murphy
Mrs. J. V. Abernethy

NORTH NEWTON

Mr. Delmer Paxton
Mrs. George Cranford
Mrs. Clakie Setzer

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Mr. Earl Atwood
Mrs. Ella Aiken
Mrs. Jack Cordell
Mr. J. M. Watkins
Mr. Charles Walls, Jr.
Mr. Frank Crawford
Mrs. Hoy Phillips
Mr. Ivey Martin
Mr. Mayo Weaver
Mr. Fred Elrod
Mr. C. A. Shook

PROVIDENCE

Mrs. Martha Brittain
Mr. D. H. Connor, Sr.
(Minister)

SANDY RIDGE

Mrs. Myrtle Page
Mrs. Mae Broyles

SPRINGS ROAD

Mr. Clarence Hollifield
Mr. Ralph Arney

Mrs. Ewel Brown
Mrs. Luella Causby
Mr. Fred Oxintine
Mrs. Shirley Randall
Mr. Jim Sweet
Mrs. W. J. McClure

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Mr. Roy Sigmon

TEMPLE

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Mr. D. C. Miller
Mr. Charlie Morris
Mr. Lewis Duncan
Mrs. Susan Scronce
Mrs. Lucille Shook

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Mr. Ned Putnam, Sr.
Mr. W. E. Hollar
Mrs. Blonnie Craven
Mr. James D. Bolick
Mrs. Ozelle F. Beach
Mrs. Vazelle Good
Mr. C. M. Smyre
Mrs. Lola Davis

WARLICK'S

Rev. Matt L. Hastings (Pastor)
Mr. Gus Icard
Mr. George Knox
Miss Addie Sides

WEST HICKORY

Mr. Hubert O. Sigmon
Mrs. Nellie Childers
Mr. Eugene Haas
Mr. Fred Mask
Mr. James Eric Williams
Mr. Walter Frye
Mr. Bobby R. Rhyne

WINKLER’S GROVE

- Mr. Dan Rowell
- Mr. Carroll Hall
- Mrs. Carroll (Glenda) Hall
- Mrs. Mary Gurley
- Mr. Johnny Martin

WOODLAWN

- Mr. John Hefner
- Mr. Harry Schoenwald
- Mr. Donald York

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANIST, SECRETARIES

Anderson, Mrs. Jerry

316 W. 21st St., Newton North Newton, Church Secretary

Berry, Mrs. Robert

3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory Penelope, Church Secretary

Brown, Charles R.

1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory Viewpoint, Music/Youth

Burleson, Mrs. Steve

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Church Secretary

Byler, Rev. David O.

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Assoc. Pastor/Music

Campbell, Mrs. Nancy

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Child Care Director

Carrington, Mrs. Faye

3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory Penelope, Child Care Director

Craig, Charles

First Baptist, Newton Newton, First, Music/Education

Dameron, Mrs. Janice

Box 193, Icard Hildebran, First, Church Secretary

Deal, Mrs. Marie

40 12th St. NW, Hickory West Hickory, Church Secretary

DeHart, Mrs. H. J., Jr.

Box 726, Conover Woodlawn, Church Secretary

Duncan, Rev. Phillip

828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory Highland, Music/Outreach

Ellis, Harold

316 W. 21st St., Newton North Newton, Music/Youth

Faulkenbury, Mrs. Joan

Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory Winkler's Grove, Church Secretary

Fowler, Miss JoAnn

218 Mt. Olive Rd., Newton West Hickory, Music

Fox, Mrs. Sylvia

Rt. 3, Box 437, Vale Corinth, Church Secretary

Harris, Joel

Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory Springs Road, Music

Herman, Mrs. Margaret

1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory Viewmont, Financial Secretary

Hooks, Mrs. Elsie

130 16th St. SE, Hickory East Hickory, Church Secretary

Horton, Nancy

Box 190, Icard Icard, First, Church Secretary

Houston, Mrs. Martha

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Education Secretary

Howell, Dr. Kelly

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Assoc. Pastor/Educ.

Lackey, Mrs. Jean

40 12th St. NW, Hickory West Hickory, Child Care Director

Lunsford, Mrs. Dean

Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory Sandy Ridge, Church Secretary

McCaslin, Mrs. Polly

201 S. Main, Newton Calvary, Church Secretary

McDaniel, Mrs. Marjorie

354 1st Main Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Pastor's Secretary

Mitchell, Mrs. Darnell

825 8th St. Dr. SE, Hickory Temple, Church Secretary

O'Brien, Mrs. Virginia

Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory Springs Road, Church Secretary

Parker, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.

Rt. 1, Box 299C, Hickory Mountain Grove, Church Secretary

Phillips, Mrs. Jill

1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory Viewmont, Church Secretary

Phillips, Rev. Larry R.

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Assoc. Pastor/Youth

Scarborough, Rev. Tommy

3310 Main Ave., NW, Hickory Penelope, Music/Youth

Scronce, Mrs. Connie

Box 273, Newton East 1st Street, Church Secretary

Smith, Mrs. Clyde R.

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Financial Secretary

Smith, Rev. Kay

3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory Penelope, Education/Activities

Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil

Rt. 10, Box 51, Hickory Lakeview, Church Secretary

Thomasson, Mrs. Ellen

First Baptist, Newton.....Newton, First, Church Secretary

West, Rev. Douglas

828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory Highland, Education/Youth

Winkler, Mrs. Jewel

828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory Highland, Church Secretary

Wolff, Mrs. Rose W.

354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory Hickory, First, Hostess

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

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5713B Plum St., Shaw AFB, SC 29152 Providence

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Bolick, Hugh (I) Rt. 3, Box 101R, Vale 28168 Wayside

Bryant, Wade (I) Rt. 4, Box 58, Conover 28613 Penelope

Chronister, C. M. (R) Icard 28666 Hildebran, First

Compton, J. D. (R) 1934 11 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601 Hickory, First

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Crump, Zeno E. (I) Rt. 7, Box 387, Hickory 28601 Warlick's

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Gasaway, Everett W. 332 S. State St., Sullivan Ind. East 1st Street

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Helton, Clyde (I) Box 234, Hickory 28601 Longview

Hemphill, Fritz D. (R)

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Penley, Dr. Larry (I)

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 Smith, J. Max (I) ----- Box 96, Hildebran 28637 Icard, First
 Smith, Dr. R. F., Jr. (I) ----- Box 624, Hickory 28601 Hickory, First
 Starnes, Ted L. (I) ----- Rt. 6, Hickory 28601 Sandy Ridge
 Walker, Alvin A. (R) --- Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658 Newton, First
 Young, Albert A. (R) ----- Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory 28601 Viewmont

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 Cooke, Robert ----- Box 101, Icard 28666 Icard, First
 Curtis, Harry W. ----- Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667 Wayside
 Greene, Henry ----- Rt. 2, Box 142, Claremont 28610 Woodlawn
 McDowell, Wayne ----- 1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601 Temple
 Watts, Billy Dale --- 110 Rankin Crt., Wake Forest 27587 Sandy Ridge
 Yount, Arthur ----- Rt. 2, Box 269, Newton 28658 Startown, First

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 Warren, Jack D. ----- Rt. 11, Box 94, Hickory 28601 Fairgrove

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Gasaway, Everett W. --- 332 S. State St., Sullivan, Ind. East 1st Street

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Viewmont Flynn Home for Alcoholics --- 706 Main Ave., SE, Hickory
 Viewmont Brian Center ----- 220 13th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory
 Viewmont Pellcare ----- 1125 10 St. Blvd, NW, Hickory
 Woodlawn Catawba Valley Rest Home ----- Conover
 Woodlawn Hildale Rest Home ----- Conover

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 Claremont, First—Mrs. Ruth Simmons, Box 414, Claremont 28610
 Corinth—Mrs. Evelyn Poovey, Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168
 East First Street—Mrs. Lucille Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 138D, Newton 28658
 Fairbrook—Hal E. Lail, Box 464, Claremont 28610
 Fairgrove—Mrs. Mary Isbell, Rt. 2, Box 83, Conover 28613
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 Mountain Grove—Mrs. Glenn Herman, Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory 28601
 Newton, First—Mrs. Pat Smith, Rt. 9, Box 356, Hickory 28601
 North Newton—Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Rt. 4, Box 70, Newton 28658
 Penelope—Miss Ruth Humphries, 525 14th St. SW, Hickory 28601
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 Temple—Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory 28601
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Temple—Mrs. Maxine Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory 28601
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Wayside—Miss Judy Henson, Box 4231, Hickory 28601
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Hickory, First—James R. Glenn, 1880 6th St. NW, Hickory 28601
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Lakeview—Bob Davis, 329 22 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601
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Penelope—Ray Deal, 2024 10 St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601

Sandy Ridge—Boyce Dobbins, Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
 Viewmont—Howard Pruitt, Rt. 11, Box 793-A, Hickory 28601
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CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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 Hickory, First—Dr. Tom Warren, 2210 9th St. NW, Hickory 28601
 Penelope—Mrs. Grady Deal, 216 5th Ave. SE, Hickory 28601

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mountain Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	G. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winkler's Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge; Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold L. Threatt
1975	Mountain Grove; Central	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene
1976	Catawba; Hildebran, First	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Joe Coltrane
1977	Oxford; Startown, First	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	J. Bruce Walker
1978	Icard, First; Viewmont	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	H. Phillip King

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION															YEAR ENDING		September 30, 1978			
Association															(Month & Day)					
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																				
North Carolina																				
Miss Helen Cater																				
Address 354 First Avenue, N.W. City Hickory State North Carolina Zip 28601																				
CHURCHES																				
PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																				
Brookford	George L. Huffman, Jr., Box 523, Hildebran 28637	Catawba	1910	3	X		2	6	-	121	3	124	-	-	28,500	-				
Calvary (N)	Fred Thompson, 814 S. Brady Ave., Newton 28658	Catawba	1958	5	X		4	4	3	231	32	263	2	-	485,500	12,109				
Catawba	Charles Lanier, Box 247, Catawba 28609	Catawba	1875	3		X	-	-	15	160	41	201	-	4	175,000	-				
Catawba Valley	Ted Turner, Rt. 5, Box 1035-A, Lincolnton 28092	Catawba	1976	1	X		-	2	-	42	-	42	1	-	35,000	-				
Central	J. Bruce Walker, Box 1974, Hickory 28601	Burke	1961	7	X		9	19	6	408	60	468	-	1	775,000	335,622				
Claremont, First	V. C. Martin, Box 489, Claremont 28610	Catawba	1953	3	X		4	-	5	132	33	165	-	-	150,000	27,480				
Corinth	Joe W. Wood, Rt. 3, Box 29, Vale 28168	Catawba	1840	1	X		12	14	8	293	78	371	-	-	260,000	-				
East First St. (N)	Raymond H. Brown, Box 273, Newton 28658	Catawba	1951	4	X		9	4	9	280	60	340	-	2	351,000	44,100				
East Hickory	Paul Childers, 122 16th St. SE, Hickory 18601	Catawba	1940	6	X		14	8	61	353	153	506	-	2	400,000	-				
Fairbrook	Jack D. Warren, Rt. 11, Box 94, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1956	7	X		2	6	15	115	3	118	-	-	65,000	-				
Fairgrove	Richard Fisher, Rt. 11, Box 15, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1954	7	X		8	17	17	207	31	238	1	-	226,125	300				
Hickory, First	Dr. Billy T. Mobley, 534 2nd Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1870	5	X		21	58	67	1,246	404	1,650	5	11	3,817,200	43,000				
Highland	William T. Mills, 2230 6th St. NE, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1912	6	X		14	23	55	1,139	250	1,389	8	13	2,000,000	222,000				
Hildebran, First	(none)	Burke	1888	4	X		1	6	39	493	59	552	4	1	575,000	12,540				
Icard, First	Harvey Laughter, Box 190, Icard 28666	Burke	1919	3	X		23	29	14	283	131	414	3	-	850,000	306,392				
Lakeview	Walter L. Cooley, 423 8th Ave. Or. NW, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1969	7	X		8	11	18	339	42	381	1	2	275,000	22,344				
Longview	Joe Canipe, 215 23rd St. SW, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1940	6	X		-	2	7	151	25	176	-	-	132,000	1,100				
Mountain Grove	Homer E. Bradey, 32 Elizabeth Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1881	7	X		8	10	4	466	37	503	2	-	330,000	-				
Newton, First	Malcolm Ivey, 721 S. College Ave., Newton 28658	Catawba	1882	4	X		13	3	29	663	175	838	-	5	1,300,000	-				
North Newton	Darrell Saunders, 804 E. 23rd St., Newton 28658	Catawba	1925	4	X		3	12	16	402	56	458	-	5	400,000	-				
Oxford	Bobby A. Langston, Rt. 1, Box 662-L, Claremont 28610	Catawba	1965	1	X		3	12	5	312	10	322	-	-	230,000	63,100				
Penelope	Aubrey D. Folk, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1888	6	X		11	24	35	850	284	1,134	2	9	1,100,000	-				
Providence	Ben Hall, Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1878	1	X		1	6	5	160	39	199	-	1	250,000	-				
Sandy Ridge	Homer F. Greene, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1944	7	X		6	2	8	370	181	551	-	-	700,000	390,000				
Springs Road	Wray G. Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601	Catawba	1957	7	X		12	15	18	415	257	672	2	1	780,000	65,610				

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING Association		YEAR ENDING September 30, 1978 (Month & Day)		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	New Church Member Training Participation		
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION				Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Adult enrollment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)	General officers enrollment	Enrolment of church (of missions)	Total ongoing Church Training enrollment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	Children	Youth	Adult
CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																
CHURCHES																
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center, St., Hickory 28601			11	10	8	12	8	19	6	-	74	37	-	-	-
Calvary (N)	(none)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catawba	(none)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catawba Valley	Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650			5	5	7	-	14	-	-	-	31	25	-	-	2
Central	Ray Hammett, Rt. 2, Box 956-M, Connelly Springs 28612			1	20	36	4	33	1	4	-	99	46	-	-	-
Claremont, First	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 489, Claremont 28610			8	6	25	-	24	-	2	-	65	56	-	-	-
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. B, Box 559, Vale 28168			6	10	14	14	11	4	3	-	62	39	9	3	5
East First St. (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658			11	18	22	5	24	5	2	-	87	78	-	-	-
East Hickory	Sam Hoyle, 1065 16th St. SE, Hickory 28601			7	12	12	13	9	10	4	-	67	48	-	-	-
Fairbrook	Gary Toney, 129 31st Ave. NE, Hickory 28601			2	3	6	8	24	-	3	-	46	23	-	-	-
Fairgrove	(none)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickory, First	William Hyland, Rt. 6, Box 1081, Hickory 28601			23	15	48	30	57	-	4	-	177	99	-	-	-
Highland	(to be named)			13	16	26	-	27	-	5	-	87	63	18	2	6
Hildebran, First	(none)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Icard, First	Barbara Lail, Rt. 3, Box 136A, Connelly Springs 28612			6	25	20	-	20	-	2	-	73	60	4	7	12
Lakeview	(none)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longview	Ray Shelton, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612			2	4	5	-	9	-	3	-	23	13	-	-	-
Mountain Grove	Erroll Ward, Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory 28601			7	11	23	-	35	-	4	-	80	51	-	-	-
Newton, First	John McGee, 818 W. 6th St.,Ext., Newton 28658			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Newton	Marcell Whisnant, 511 East 21st St., Newton 28658			2	3	23	-	16	-	3	-	47	29	2	3	10
Oxford	J. J. Black, Rt. 4, Box 231,Conover 28613			10	8	22	-	21	23	2	-	86	40	-	-	-
Penelope	Miss Sharon Cannon, 526 33rd St., SW, Hickory 28601			1	11	30	5	28	4	6	-	85	30	-	-	-
Providence	Fitzhugh Young, Rt. 3, Box 284-A, Vale 28168			5	11	9	9	19	-	-	-	53	41	-	-	-
Sandy Ridge	William Boyette,Jr., Rt. 11, Box 741, Hickory 28601			7	15	15	-	22	7	4	-	70	44	-	-	-
Springs Road	Jack Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 148, Conover 28613			13	30	16	6	41	-	3	-	109	67	-	-	-

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING										YEAR ENDING September 30, 1978													
Association										(Month & Day)													
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																							
State																							
Associational Church Training Director																							
Mrs. Smoot Baker																							
Address										City State Zip													
603 12th Avenue, NE										Hickory North Carolina 28601													
CHURCHES										CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)													
Startown, First										Jerry Warren, Rt. 1, Box 480, Newton 28658													
Sweetwater										Tom Shelton, Rt. 3, Newton 28658													
Temple										Wayne McDowell, 1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601													
Unity										(Did not receive their Church Letter)													
Viewmont										(none)													
Warlick's										(none)													
Wayside										(none)													
West Hickory										David Rowe, 1130 5th St. SE, Hickory 28601													
Winkler's Grove										Nance Allen, 3568 1st Ave. Circle, NW, Hickory 28601													
Woodlawn										(to be named)													
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TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC			YEAR ENDING September 30, 1976												100
Association			(Month & Day)												99
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION															98
State North Carolina															97
Associational Music Director Tommy Scarborough															96
Address 3310 Main Avenue, NW, Hickory State North Carolina Zip 28601															95
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															94
CHURCHES															93
			Preschool enrollment (4-5 years)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-5)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrollment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrollment	Vocal ensembles enrollment	Instrumental ensembles enrollment	General music leaders enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Church Music enrollment	Average weekly Church Music attendance	Church Music study group enrollment	
Brookford		Miss Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601	-	5	6	25	-	2	-	3	-	41	22	-	
Calvary (N)		Rick Helms, 201 S. Main Avenue, Newton 28658	10	14	8	12	-	-	-	2	-	46	39	-	
Catawba		Greg Spencer, 417 Mt. Olive Road, Newton 28658	-	-	1	14	-	-	-	4	-	19	12	-	
Catawba Valley		Perry L. Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	-	
Central		Benny Johnson, Box 672, Hildebran 28637	-	16	20	27	-	-	-	4	-	67	51	-	
Claremont, First		(none)	-	-	12	14	-	-	-	3	-	29	18	-	
Corinth		Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601	-	5	6	30	-	-	-	3	-	44	33	-	
East First St. (N)		Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658	5	19	14	28	-	11	-	3	-	80	70	-	
East Hickory		Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory 28601	10	16	17	28	-	-	-	3	-	74	65	-	
Fairbrook		Gary Toney, 129 31st Avenue, NE, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	2	-	13	8	-	
Fairgrove		Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	2	-	21	18	-	
Hickory, First		David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601	28	62	38	72	9	19	4	43	-	275	197	36	
Highland		Philip Duncan, 1384 19th Ave., BE, Hickory 28601	14	60	40	40	25	6	6	5	-	196	148	7	
Hildebran, First		Larry Abernathy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601	-	-	5	40	-	-	-	3	-	48	38	-	
Icard, First		Kenneth Hass, Rt. 2, Hickory 28601	4	25	15	35	-	-	-	4	-	83	60	-	
Lakeview		Louis R. Robinson, 533 18th St., NW, Hickory 28601	-	-	14	23	-	-	-	1	-	38	30	-	
Longview		L. R. Tolbert, 1875 28th St., NE, Hickory 28601	-	-	8	25	-	7	-	5	-	45	16	-	
Mountain Grove		Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601	-	-	10	27	-	-	-	6	-	43	33	-	
Newton, First		Charles Craig, 712 7th Avenue, SW, Conover 28613	6	30	25	35	10	5	-	9	-	120	100	-	
North Newton		Harold D. Ellis, Box 43, Newton 28658	15	-	15	35	-	-	4	3	-	72	25	-	
Oxford		Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	-	8	10	25	-	-	-	3	-	46	40	-	
Penelope		Tommy Scarborough, 3310 Main Avenue, NW, Hickory 28601	10	20	50	24	-	4	-	8	-	116	85	-	
Providence		Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	3	-	20	16	-	
Sandy Ridge		(none)	-	12	15	31	-	-	-	3	-	61	41	-	
Springs Road		Joel Harris, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	35	-	5	-	3	-	43	15	-	

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION			YEAR ENDING September 30, 1976		Enrollment											Total ongoing																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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TABLE F. BROTHERHOOD Association					YEAR ENDING September 30, 1978 (Month & Day)														
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																			
North Carolina																			
Associational Brotherhood Director																			
Address																			
P. O. Box 195																			
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BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																			
CHURCHES																			
Brookford	(none)				116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125					
Calvary (N)	(to be named)				17	8	9	24	-	-	-	1	-	59					
Catawba	(none)				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Catawba Valley	Wayne Reese, Rt. 2, Box 622, Newton 28658				-	-	-	-	9	-	-	3	-	12					
Central	Jimmy Stephens, Rt. 4, Box 344, Hickory 28601				6	17	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	42					
Claremont, First	Leon Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 781-M, Claremont 28610				7	6	1	12	-	-	-	1	-	27					
Corinth	Billy Chapman, Rt. 3, Box 229, Vale 28168				12	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	20					
East First St. (N)	Thad Crump, Rt. 4, 20 Bolick Dr., Newton 28658				15	7	6	15	-	-	7	2	-	52					
East Hickory	Charles Sherrill, Rt. 1, Box 203-BC, Conover 28613				6	-	2	17	-	-	-	-	-	25					
Fairbrook	Oale Moore, Rt. 3, Box 722, Newton 28658				6	-	-	10	-	-	-	1	-	17					
Fairgrove	Paul Lail, Rt. 1, Box 5, Conover 28613				4	6	1	14	-	10	6	-	-	41					
Hickory, First	Jerry Young, Rt. 4, Box 346-A, Conover 28613				22	-	-	10	-	-	-	3	-	35					
Highland	(to be named)				12	10	4	20	5	5	-	5	-	61					
Hildebran, First	B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637				-	-	-	-	-	-	14	4	-	18					
Icard, First	Oon Pursley, 1050 21st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601				16	14	4	38	-	-	-	4	-	76					
Lakeview	(none)				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Longview	J. J. Cook, 2519 13th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601				-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12					
Mountain Grove	Johnny Mosteller, Rt. 8, Box 600, Hickory 28601				6	8	2	6	10	-	-	-	-	32					
Newton, First	Billy Perry, Rt. 3, Box 64, Conover 28613				6	11	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	31					
North Newton	Loy Mauney, Rt. 2, Box 59, Newton 28658				12	6	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	31					
Oxford	Roger Canipe, Rt. 1, Box 777, Claremont 28610				18	3	5	9	9	-	-	3	-	47					
Penelope	(none)				-	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Providence	Garvin Punch, Rt. 3, Box 294-B, Vale 28168				6	11	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	26					
Sandy Ridge	Macre Teague, 1493 18th Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601				22	21	3	12	-	-	-	1	-	59					
Springs Road	Joe Watkins, 1732 29th St., NE, Hickory 28601				18	4	1	12	-	-	-	1	-	36					

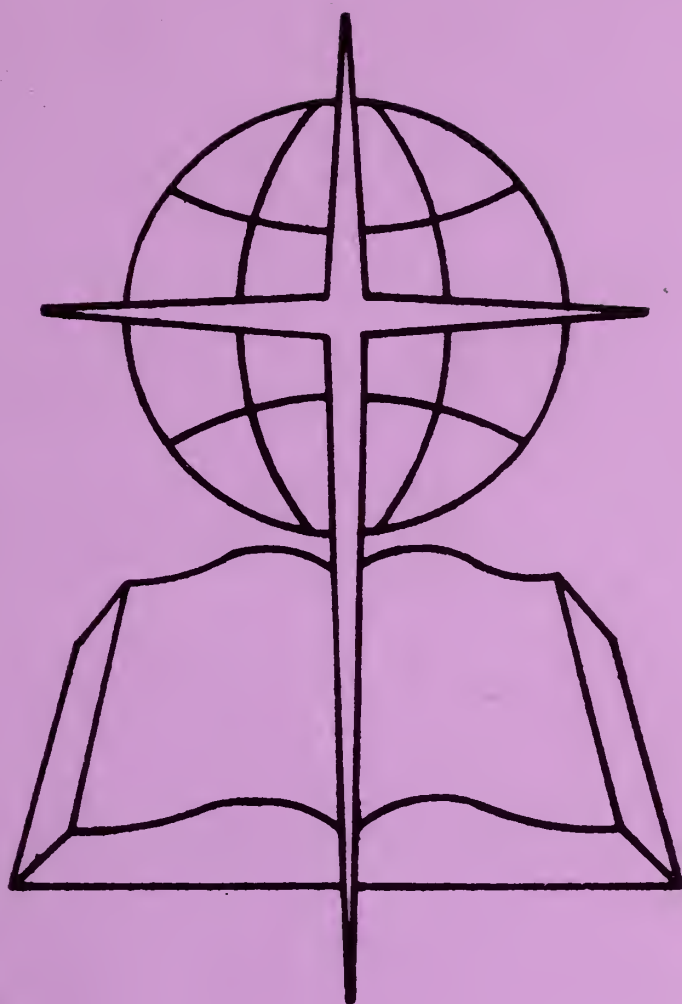
TABLE F BROTHERHOOD													
Association		YEAR ENDING September 30, 1978		116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
		(Month & Day)											
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION													
State	North Carolina												
Associational Brotherhood Director													
B. J. Abernethy													
Address	P. O. Box 195	City	Hildebran	State	North Carolina	Zip	28637						
CHURCHES		BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)											
Startown, First		Brown Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 79, Newton 28658		12	8	1	8	-	-	-	1	-	30
Sweetwater		Jimmy Summey, 934 8th St. NE, Hickory 28601		6	1	1	16	-	-	-	1	-	25
Temple		Robert McBride, 910 8th St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601		7	-	4	21	-	-	-	1	-	33
Unity		(Did not receive their Church Letter)											
Viewmont		Dr. Charles Wells, Rt. 9, Box 351, Hickory 28601		21	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Warlick's		Jarry Mull, Rt. 4, Box 829, Hickory 28601		-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Wayside		(none)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Hickory		(none)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winkler's Grove		Randal Parsons, Rt. 7, Box 140, Hickory 28601		-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	-	14
Woodlawn		Morris Greene, Rt. 2, Box 132, Conover 28613		16	6	-	12	-	-	-	1	-	35

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP																			YEAR ENDING 9/30 - 1978	
Association																			(Month & Day)	
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																				
North Carolina																				
Associational Treasurer:																				
Frelon W. Broome																				
Address																			Zip	
345 7th Ave. Pl. NW Hickory State North Carolina 28601																			28601	
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																				
CHURCHES																				
21	22	23	27				128	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135				
			Budget promotion or emphasis used during the year														Total receipts		Total local expenditures	
Number of tithe			Forward Program				and special gifts		Money borrowed during the year		Church staff salaries		Money paid out on new construction during the year		Debt retirement during the year		Church literature		All other local expenditures	
Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget			All. Forward Program				Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts		Money borrowed during the year		Church staff salaries		Money paid out on new construction during the year		Debt retirement during the year		Church literature		All other local expenditures	
Associational missions goal as percent of total budget			Tithe Commitment				Stewardship Revival		Simplified Budget		None									
55	10%	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 24,931.	2,420.	27,351.	-	10,000.	500.	-	1,185.	1,000.	12,685.				
-	16%	1.3	-	-	-	-	60,566	628.	61,194.	21,111.	18,556.	26,462.	9,001.	3,325.	14,041.	71,385.				
20	8%	.009	-	-	-	-	25,271.	-	25,271.	-	15,242.	-	-	907.	2,815.	18,964.				
-	-	.02%	-	-	-	-	24,426.	-	24,426.	-	7,480.	12,642.	-	580.	-	20,702.				
125	7%	.005	-	-	-	-	82,443.	-	82,443.	-	17,600.	2,850.	29,262.	3,755.	28,994.	82,461.				
58	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,564.	375.	27,939.	-	7,445.	-	11,064.	1,041.	6,677.	26,227.				
50	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	46,871.	-	46,871.	-	13,175.	-	-	2,298.	9,437.	24,910.				
125	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	72,305.	45,083.	117,388.	-	15,960.	15,170.	9,850.	1,265.	68,666.	110,911.				
100	11%	.008	-	-	-	-	85,958.	936.	85,994.	-	30,736.	2,967.	-	2,250.	22,600.	58,553.				
20	10%	-	-	-	-	-	20,204.	833.	21,037.	-	9,435.	200.	-	794.	2,594.	13,023.				
56	10%	-	x	-	-	-	44,010.	1,024.	45,034.	-	12,215.	-	7,425.	1,131.	8,890.	29,661.				
240	18%	1%	-	-	-	-	694,600.	156,995.	851,595.	-	135,981.	-	24,000.	8,728.	451,275.	619,984.				
250	20%	1%	-	-	-	-	251,000.	-	251,000.	222,000.	30,912.	278,498.	13,658.	5,258.	174,693.	503,019.				
130	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	114,662.	27.	114,689.	-	26,520.	-	51,301.	1,852.	21,491.	101,164.				
150	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	100,616.	4,443.	105,059.	70,000.	28,625.	29,000.	35,246.	3,728.	18,645.	115,244.				
50	25%	1%	-	-	-	-	78,897.	2,983.	81,880.	-	27,385.	-	5,823.	1,500.	12,505.	47,213.				
40	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	25,003.	282.	25,285.	-	9,152.	-	1,768.	699.	8,088.	19,707.				
75	9%	1%	-	-	-	-	76,463.	-	76,463.	-	31,608.	-	3,858.	2,630.	26,794.	64,890.				
340	15%	1%	-	-	-	-	107,555.	32,865.	140,420.	5,300.	34,636.	-	2,669.	4,398.	25,899.	67,602.				
95	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	77,026.	601.	77,627.	-	33,708.	-	-	1,636.	26,904.	62,248.				
87	10%	1%	x	-	-	-	59,278.	376.	59,654.	-	22,585.	-	17,602.	2,775.	14,099.	57,061.				
395	6%	.03%	-	-	-	-	201,594.	104,960.	306,554.	-	59,485.	-	57,950.	9,630.	160,665.	287,730.				
			-	-	-	-	33,187.	-	33,187.	-	10,660.	2,287.	7,500.	1,415.	5,943.	27,805.				
			-	-	-	-	89,631.	4,391.	94,022.	398,000.	31,665.	306,741.	11,269.	2,852.	52,884.	405,411.				
			-	-	-	-	104,780.	-	104,780.	-	33,904.	-	22,411.	2,683.	20,279.	79,277.				

TABLE 1 SPECIAL INFORMATION			YEAR ENDING September 30, 1978		Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc.?										Y Yes N No	
Association			(Month & Day)													
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																
State																
North Carolina																
Moderator																
Rev. H. Phillip King																
Address																
40 12th Street, NW																
City																
Hickory																
State																
North Carolina																
Zip																
28601																
CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																
CHURCHES																
Brookford																
Leonard Reinhardt, 2824 13th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																
Calvary (N)																
Harold Scronce, 201 S. Main Ave., Newton 28658																
Catawba																
Grady Abernathy, Box 432, Catawba 28609																
Catawba Valley																
Carroll O. Lee, Rt. 2, Box 557, Newton 28658																
Central																
Alford Crow, Rt. 2, Box 599-A, Connelly Springs 28612																
Claremont, First																
Henry Lowrance, Box 913, Conover 28613																
Corinth																
Jack Petty, Rt. 8, Box 559, Hickory 28601																
East First St. (N)																
Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Ave., Newton 28658																
East Hickory																
Jerry Turner, Rt. 11, Box 233, Hickory 28601																
Fairbrook																
(to be named)																
Fairgrove																
Ray Granger, Rt. 9, Box 730, Hickory 28601																
Hickory, First																
C. Van Teague, 615 N. Center St., Hickory 28601																
Highland																
Walter Holt, Rt. 10, Box 142, Hickory 28601																
Hildebran, First																
Jack Hodges, Box 317, Hildebran 28637																
Icard, First																
J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637																
Lakeview																
Gary Teague, 2239 16th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																
Longview																
Ray Shelton, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612																
Mountain Grove																
Leon Carter, Rt. 8, Box 108-C, Hickory 28601																
Newton, First																
Bob Robinson, Rt. 3, Newton 28658																
North Newton																
Osway Butler, Box 145, Newton 28658																
Oxford																
Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681-A, Claremont 28610																
Penelope																
Ray Deal, 2024 10 St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601																
Providence																
Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601																
Sandy Ridge																
Boyce Oobins, Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601																
Springs Road																
Oliver Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601																

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THERON RANKIN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
NORTH CAROLINA
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Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

Held With

PENELOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 25, 1979

SANDY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 26, 1979



NEXT ANNUAL SESSION

The next annual session will be held October 23, 1980
with the Woodlawn Baptist Church

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Rev. Fritz Dean Hemphill was born in Rutherford County on September 4, 1904. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College.

He served pastorates in Durham, Charlotte, Hickory, Flat Rock and Boone and as Director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He served as pastor of the West Hickory Baptist church for thirteen years. Throughout his ministry he worked with the State Sunday School Department in Sunday School enlargement campaigns.



FRITZ D. HEMPHILL

While pastor at West Hickory, and an active leader in the South Fork Association, Mr. Hemphill envisioned a co-operative group of churches in the Hickory area. He was instrumental in the founding of the Theron Rankin Association in 1955 with churches in the north and western part of Catawba County and eastern Burke County. He served as the first moderator.

In 1949 Mr. Hemphill encouraged the churches of the Hickory area to have centralized training sessions. Thus was born the Central Training School and, when Theron Rankin Association was formed, he served as Central Training School Director until he left Hickory. This school became one of the largest of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention in that day.

Mr. Hemphill was missions minded, helping to establish and organize new work in approximately eight areas of our association.

Mr. Hemphill was married to the former Rose Johnson of Rutherford County. They had four sons: George, Eschol and Robert of Hickory and James of Winston-Salem.

Rev. Hemphill was a vibrant personality who shared his enthusiasm for Christ, the Church, and the Theron Rankin Association. His interest and energy was at the disposal of the Lord of the Church and his enthusiastic spirit was contagious. Upon his retirement he moved to Hickory, became active in the association, served as interim pastor for a number of churches and shared in the pastoral fellowship.

His untimely death by auto accident in 1978 was felt deeply by family, friends, and fellow pastors. His contribution to the Lord's work is echoed in Hebrews 11:3, "And by it he being dead yet speaketh."

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

1979-80

OFFICERS

Rev. H. Phillip King, Moderator 40 12th St. NW, Hickory, 28601
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28601
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John F. Hall (1981) 614 4th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Harold Deal (1982) 1690 2nd St. NW, Hickory 28601

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Rev. Douglas West, Sunday School Director 828 9th Ave. NE,
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Hickory 28601
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28637
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Cecil Mull

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Mrs. Tommy Scarborough, Children	3310 Main Ave., NW, Hickory 28601
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Rev. James Hester, Adult	Box 317, Hildebran 38637

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Age-Level Directors

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Rev. Ben Hall, Youth	Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601
Mrs. Phillip King, Adult	1205 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601

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Hickory 28601
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Hickory 28601

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J. A. Pate, Royal Ambassador Rt. 4, Box 513, Newton 28658

MUSIC

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28601

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28610
Corinth—Jack Petty Rt. 8, Box 559, Hickory 28601
East 1st St.—Charles Taylor . . 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658
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28601
Fairgrove—Edward Parsons Rt. 11, Box 88, Hickory 28601
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Hickory 28601
Highland—V.H. White Box 355, Hickory 28601

- Hildebran, First—J. P. AbernethyBox 403, Hildebran 28637
 Icard, First—Ed Watson Box 231, Icard 28666
 Lakeview—Ted Hayes Rt. 11, Box 724, Hickory 28601
 Longview—Wayne Reese Rt. 2, Box 956-E, Connelly Springs
 28612
 Mountain Grove — Randle WhitenerRt. 8, Box 328, Hickory
 28601
 Newton, First—Dwight LowtherRt. 2, Box 385, Claremont
 28610
 North Newton—Graham Dixon . . . 1809 N. College Ave., Newton
 28658
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 Penelope—Ray Deal 2024 10 St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
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 Sweetwater—Earl White Rt. 2, Box 514, Hickory 28601
 Temple—Wayne McDowell 1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory
 28601
 Unity—Fred Kistler Rt. 1, Box 128-K, Newton 28658
 Viewmont—Frank Poovey . . . 2044-B 6th St. NW, Hickory 28601
 Warlick's—Junior Starnes Rhodhiss 28667
 Wayside—Robert Garr 2125 14th St. SW, Hickory 28601
 West Hickory—James W. Coble 354 17th St. NW, Hickory
 28601
 Winkler's Grove—Floyd Odom . . . Rt. 7, Box 54, Hickory 28601
 Woodlawn—John Fortner 514 1st Ave. N., Conover 28613

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to the body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from the issue of the Annual.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 3. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (3) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual

meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation; counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal docu-

ments as directed by the association and/or Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship Fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Committee Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations: Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1 of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each

church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to be in the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual sessions, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meeting. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of

stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this session of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizen's Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall

register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Associational Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall

submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

PROCEEDINGS
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Thursday Afternoon
Penelope Baptist Church, Hickory
October 25, 1979

1. The twenty-fourth annual session began at 4:00 PM with Charles Brown leading in singing "Love Divine." Mrs. Myrtle Weaver was organist and Mrs. Celia Scarborough, pianist. Charles Brown sang "God's Love Sustains Me." Rev. Paul Childers led in the worship period speaking on "The Church and Her Place in the World Today," using Scripture verses from Acts 20.

2. Moderator, Rev. H. Phillip King, called the 24th annual session to order "for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions."

3. Dr. Billy Mobley, chairman of the Program Committee, presented the order of business as printed and this was adopted as the order of business for the sessions. (Dr. Smoot Baker raised a question concerning the 1977 vote on who would preach the Doctrinal sermon. Dr. Mobley stated he was informed this was left to the discretion of the Program Committee.)

Penelope Baptist Church

4:00	Hymn	Mr. Charles R. Brown, leading
	Special Music.	Mr. Charles R. Brown
	Worship.	Rev. Paul Childers
4:20	ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	
	Constitution of Twenty-fourth Annual Session	
	Adoption of Order of Business	Dr. Billy T. Mobley
	Welcome	Rev. Aubrey Folk
	Introduction of New Pastors	
	and Staff Members	Rev. H. Phillip King
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Report of Registration	Mr. V. H. White
	Special Music: Sound Foundation	
	Youth Choir, Penelope Church	
	Hymn	Mr. Harold Ellis, leading

- 4:40 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
 INSTITUTIONS
 Report of Executive Committee Rev. H. Phillip King
 Sunday School Rev. Douglas West
 Church Training Mrs. Smoot Baker
 Long Range Planning. Mr. C. Van Teague
 Nominating Committee. Mr. V. H. White
 Extension Committee Rev. Alvin A. Walker
 Baptist Men. Mr. B. J. Abernethy
 Miscellaneous Business
 Recognition of Institutional Representatives
- 5:25 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Homer Bradley
 Special Music: Shalom (Sr. High Ensemble, Penelope Ch.)
 Annual Sermon Rev. Homer Bradley
 Benediction and Blessing. Rev. William T. Mills
- 6:00 DINNER

THURSDAY EVENING – OCTOBER 25

Penelope Baptist Church

- 7:00 Hymn Rev. Tommy Scarborough, leading
 Special Music. Choir, First Baptist Church, Hickory
 Worship. Dr. Alan Sasser
- 7:20 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
 INSTITUTIONS
 Treasurer. Mr. Frelon W. Broome
 Finance Committee. Mr. Gary Whitener
 Place and Preacher Committee Mr. Wayne McDowell
 Election of Officers
 Miscellaneous Business
- 7:45 Special Music. Choir, FBC, Hickory
- 7:50 Wake Forest University Proposal. . . . Rev. Henry Stokes
 Church Relations, Wake Forest University
- Hymn
- 8:05 Special Music. Young Adult Ensemble, FBC, Hickory
- 8:15 Address Dr. Grady Cothen, President
 Baptist Sunday School Board
- Benediction. Rev. Ben Hall

FRIDAY MORNING — OCTOBER 26

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

- 10:00 Hymn Rev. Phillip Duncan, leading
 Special Music. Ministers' Chorus
 Worship. Rev. James Hester
- 10:20 Welcome Rev. Homer F. Greene
 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS,
 INSTITUTIONS
- Woman's Missionary Union Mrs. Kathryn Greene
 Central Training School. Rev. Homer Bradey
- 10:45 Message Miss Nancy Curtis, Director, WMU
- 11:15 Resolutions Rev. Ronald Johnson
 Miscellaneous Business
 Report on Registration Mr. V. H. White
- 11:30 Hymn Mr. Kevin Rodgers, leading
 Special Music. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Rodgers
 Doctrinal Sermon Dr. Alton McEachern, Pastor
 First Baptist Church, Greensboro
- Benediction and Blessing. Rev. Darrell Webb
- 12:15 Adjournment and Lunch

4. Rev. Aubrey Folk, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome. The Moderator recognized Vice-Moderator, Rev. David Byler, and the Promotional Secretary-Clerk, Miss Helen Cater. He also recognized the following new pastors, staff members, and their wives: Rev. & Mrs. Darrell Webb, Central Church; Rev. & Mrs. James Hester, First Church, Hildebran; Rev. Edward Smith, Longview Church; Dr. Alan Sasser, Viewmont Church; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Rodgers, Music/Activities, First Church, Icard; and Interim Pastor, Rev. Woodrow Flynn, Woodlawn Church.

5. Clyde Morris and Max Evington, Children's Homes, and Jim Saul, Homes for the Aging, were recognized.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 117 messengers and 37 visitors from 27 churches were registered.

7. The Youth Choir from Penelope Church with Tommy Scarborough directing, sang "Tell It Out With Gladness."

8. Moderator King presented the report of the Executive Committee and gave us a challenge to go forward in all areas of our work.

9. Rev. Douglas West, Sunday School Director, presented a

challenge to turn around the trend of declining enrollment and attendance in Sunday School.

10. Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director, reminded us that the equipping ministry of our churches is very important.

11. C. Van Teague, chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee read the following report:

“During the past year the committee held four meetings. We discussed some of the things we felt were needed in our Association. The committee was unanimous on two issues that were presented in our first meetings, namely, that we move our Associational Office to larger quarters, and work toward adding a director of Associational Missions.

“As a result of our first meetings, a survey form was developed and sent to pastors, associational and church leaders. Many of you completed and returned the surveys. An overwhelming majority favored establishing of an association office and the addition of a Director of Missions. Many other items on the survey dealing with training of association leaders and church officers met with varying degrees of importance. We feel that these programs will need to be developed under the leadership of a Director of Missions as we progress.

“We also sent out letters to other associations requesting information concerning their staff, programs, and budgets. We found that these varied quite a bit depending on the size of the associations. Funding, of course, also varied.

“We wish to bring the following recommendations for your consideration: We recommend that we move the Association Office to larger quarters as centrally located as possible by 1980. We also recommend that we begin a movement to procure a Director of Missions (this hopefully) by 1982. We also realize that this will necessitate additional funding, and that the budget, which will be presented later in this meeting, be amended by \$5,000.00 to cover the expected increase in operations during the year if adopted. Other budget changes will come later as we progress with our programs and changes in staff.

“The committee will continue to meet and study the progress and needed changes from time to time.”

A motion by Mr. Teague that we move the Association office to larger quarters as centrally located as possible in 1980 was adopted as amended (a motion by Rev. Folk) to add “that the Executive committee work out the final details on moving the office and assist in raising the \$5,000.00.” There were two

opposite votes.

In discussion, several suggestions were made on raising these funds and the churches were encouraged to increase their contributions for this purpose.

The motion to adopt the total recommendation as amended was carried with no opposition.

12. V. H. White presented the recommendations from the nominating committee for 1979-1980 as printed in the Book of Reports with one addition, Miss Nancy Hildebran was added as a member of the Ministry with Aging committee. These were elected as printed in this issue.

13. The Moderator announced that Rev. Alvin Walker has agreed to write a history of our association for our 25th Anniversary next year.

14. Rev. Alvin Walker, chairman of the Extension committee, reported that funds are on hand for this years' lot payment. He gave a challenge that we may need to look into "church planting" in the Eastern area of our Association.

15. No one was present for the Brotherhood report.

16. The following representatives from Institutions and Agencies were given two minutes: Jim McQuere, Baptist Foundation; Jim Saul, Homes for Aging; Robert Abrams, Gardner-Webb College; and Max Evington, Children's Homes.

17. A motion by Rev. Alvin Walker was adopted as follows: "that we dedicate the minutes of this twenty-fourth annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association to the memory of Reverend Fritz D. Hemphill, and that our Clerk be authorized to make preparation for a full page memorial in our printed minutes."

18. Rev. Tommy Scarborough sang "To God Be the Glory." Rev. Ben Hall delivered the annual sermon, replacing Rev. Homer Bradey who was unable to be with us. He used Scripture from Acts 4 and challenged us to a new commitment to our task in Bold Missions both here in our association and throughout the world. Rev. W. T. Mills led in prayer.

19. A delicious meal was served by the host church. Approximately 261 persons were present at this time.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25
Penelope Baptist Church

20. Rev. Scarborough led in singing "To Worship, Work,

Witness" with Mr. Scarborough giving trumpet accompaniment. The Adult Choir, First Church, Hickory, directed by Rev. David O. Byler, sang "My Eternal King." Dr. Alan Sasser led in the worship period using Scripture from John.

21. Treasurer, Frelon W. Broome, reviewed the annual financial report and gave a report on the savings accounts, amount, \$25,215.21, as printed in this issue. He referred to the report of the Auditor, Earl Melton, in the Book of Reports and stated the full report will be distributed to each church at the November Executive Committee meeting.

22. Gary Whitener, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for the coming year. The budget, amount \$24,023.00 plus the \$5,000.00 approved earlier today — total \$29,023.00 — was adopted with no opposition.

23. Wayne McDowell, chairman of the Place and Preacher Committee, presented the recommendations for the 25th annual session which was adopted as follows: "To meet on Thursday after the Third Sunday at the Woodlawn Church with Dr. Smoot Baker to bring the annual sermon with Rev. Malcom Ivey as alternate."

24. Rev. H. Phillip King was elected by acclamation as moderator for the coming year. Rev. King expressed his thanks for this privilege and expressed thanks to his wife, Jane.

25. Rev. David O. Byler was elected as vice-moderator by acclamation.

26. V. H. White reported registration of 136 messengers and 125 visitors, a total of 261 from 30 churches.

27. A motion made by Dr. Smoot Baker that the doctrinal message each year be brought by a local pastor was passed by a majority vote.

28. The Adult Choir, First Church, Hickory, sang "God of Grace and God of Glory" and "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator expressed thanks and appreciation from Helen Cater for the many expressions of concern for her and her family during the illness and death of her Mother.

29. Rev. Henry Stokes, Wake Forest University, presented the new proposal of covenant relationship of the University with the State Convention which will be presented at the sessions in November in Winston-Salem.

30. The Young Adult Ensemble, First Church, Hickory, under the direction of Rev. David O. Byler, presented special music.

31. Dr. Billy Mobley introduced Dr. Grady Cothorn, President, Baptist Sunday School Board, SBC, who brought a challenging message. Rev. Ben Hall led in the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

32. The Moderator called the third session to order at 10:00 AM at Sandy Ridge Church. We sang "When We Walk With the Lord" with Phillip Duncan leading and Rick Setzer as organist and Miss Jo Ann Fowler, pianist.

A Minister's chorus sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers" with Tommy Scarborough leading. Rev. James Hester led in worship using Scripture from Acts 26.

33. A cordial welcome was extended by Rev. Homer Greene, host pastor.

34. Mrs. A. T. Green, Jr., WMU Director, presented her report.

35. Rev. Ben Hall, newly elected Director of Central Training School, gave plans for the 1970 school being held in February at Viewmont Church with Music and Missions emphasis.

36. Miss Nancy Curtis, State WMU Director, brought a challenging message on "Life Changing Commitments."

37. Rev. Ronald Johnson, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the Resolutions which were adopted as printed in this issue.

38. During the miscellaneous business Rev. Walter Cooley led in the Memorial service, reading names of the deceased and leading in prayer.

39. The moderator presented the following information concerning items discussed the previous day:

(1) concerning the hours for the 1980 session — the 1978 annual minutes reads "one day only" — the Executive Committee shows probably afternoon and evening sessions.

(2) the motion made by Dr. Smoot Baker at the 1977 annual session was read from a copy of original handwriting, "Mr. Moderator, I move you, Sir, that we have a doctrinal message delivered in our association, beginning next year, and that it be given by a local pastor. The program committee is to take this into consideration."

40. Dr. Alan Sasser introduced his guests from Australia, Rev. and Mrs. Garth Eichhorn.

41. Rev. Coy Privette spoke briefly concerning the "Biblical

Recorder" and the Christian Action League.

42. Mrs. Smoot Baker distributed "M" Night posters.

43. A motion to adopt the "Book of Reports" as a whole was passed.

Mr. White reported 97 messengers and 30 visitors, a total of 127 from 26 churches registered for the Friday session.

The churches were again encouraged to increase giving for the 1980 association budget and to send their checks monthly.

44. Kevin Rodgers led in singing "Reach Out and Touch." Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Rodgers presented special music.

45. Dr. Mobley expressed thanks for the cooperation in this year's program and introduced Dr. Alton McEachern, pastor First Church, Greensboro, who delivered the doctrinal sermon, "We Believe the Bible." Rev. Darrell Webb led in prayer.

46. A delicious meal was served by the host church.

47. The total registration for the two days was 154 messengers and 129 visitors, a total of 283 persons, from 30 churches. The East First Street, Oxford, Unity, Wayside and Winkler's Grove churches were not represented. The weather was clear and pleasant both days.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3): Mae Bolick, Paul L. Bolick, Ernest L. Pope, (4 visitors)

CALVARY (5): Mrs. Hub Crowe, Mrs. Ollit Pate, Mrs. Ray Poovey, Elizabeth Setzer, Mrs. Fred Thompson

CATAWBA (4): Edna Danner, Mae I. Danner, Susie Danner, Mrs. Tom Danner, (1 visitor)

CATAWBA VALLEY (3): Frances Bowman

CENTRAL (7): Rev. Darrell Webb (Pastor), Mrs. Audrey Childers, Mrs. Margaret Hammet, Robert McCormack, Ernest E. McGalliard, Mrs. Ernest McGalliard, (1 visitor)

CLAREMONT, FIRST (4): Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor), Mrs. V. C. Martin, Nancy Shook, Pete Simmons

CORINTH (6): Mrs. Braskie Brown, Nevert Costner, Sharon Martin, Prue H. Peeler, Mrs. Patsy Wood

EAST 1ST STREET (6): None

EAST HICKORY (8): Rev. Paul Childers (Pastor), Mrs. Ethel Franklin, Celia Friar, Lloyd Pittman, Mrs. Jean Pittman, Mrs. Betty Reeves, Ray D. Robbins

FAIRBROOK (3): Rev. Jack Warren (Pastor), Hubert Gilleland

FAIRGROVE (4): Rev. Richard Fisher (Pastor), Manah Sigman, Mrs. Vivian Sigmon

HICKORY, FIRST (19): Dr. Billy T. Mobley (Pastor), Frelon Broome, David O. Byler, Mrs. David Byler, Robert Geouge, Mrs. A. T. Green, Jr., Kate Hardin, Mrs. Billy T. Mobley, Larry Phillips, C. Van Teague, (52 visitors)

HIGHLAND (16): Rev. W. T. Mills (Pastor), Rev. Roy Beals, Tim Deaton, Phillip R. Duncan, Mrs. William T. Mills, Diane West, Douglas West, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White, (1 visitor)

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (7): Rev. James M. Hester (Pastor), J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Hal Dameron, Mrs. Kay Harwell, Irene Yoder, Dawn M. Hester

ICARD, FIRST (6): Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), John Church, A. V. Ledford, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Kevin Rodgers, Vicki Rodgers

LAKEVIEW (6): Rev. Walter L. Cooley (Pastor)

LONGVIEW (4): Rev. Edward B. Smith (Pastor), Leonard Tolbert, Paul H. Tolbert, Mrs. Paul H. Tolbert

MOUNTAIN GROVE (7): Mrs. W. L. Dellinger, Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mary Huffman, Dr. Larry H. Penley, Mrs. Larry Penley, Mrs. W. H. Whitener

NEWTON, FIRST (11): Rev. Malcom Ivey (Pastor), Mrs. Jean Adams, Mrs. James E. Britt, Mary T. Brown, Mrs. Lillie Drum, Mrs. Lucille Fox, Mrs. Malcom Ivey, Geraldine F. Propst, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Alvin A. Walker

NORTH NEWTON (7): Rev. Darrell Saunders (Pastor), Ray Gilmer, Bernice Gilmer, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Jerrel Stewart, Clarence Wilson, Lorene Wilson

OXFORD (5): None

PENELOPE (13): Rev. Aubrey Folk (Pastor), W. A. Cook, Mrs. W. A. Cook, Jim Gorsuch, Jan Gorsuch, Celia Scarborough, Tommy Scarborough, Rev. Kay Smith (37 visitors)

PROVIDENCE (4): Rev. Ben Hall (Pastor), Mrs. Ruth Y. Abee, Yates Abernethy, Mrs. Yates Abernethy, Carrie Schrum (2 visitors)

SANDY RIDGE (8): Rev. Homer F. Greene (Pastor), Lillie W. Ellis, Vernon E. Houston, Jr., Claude L. Martin, Mrs. Ella Mae Nichols, Jay Teague (5 visitors)

SPRINGS ROAD (9): Rev. Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Mrs. Wray G. Barrett

STARTOWN, FIRST (3): Rev. I. D. Phillips (Pastor), Floyd Davis, Robert L. Sigmon (2 visitors)

SWEETWATER (4): Rev. Ronald G. Johnson (Pastor)

TEMPLE (7): Rev. J. G. Early (Pastor), Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Wayne McDowell, Cecil Mull, Mrs. Cecil Mull

UNITY (3): None

VIEWMONT (15): Dr. Alan Sasser (Pastor), Charles Brown, Mrs. H. J. Greenhill, Frank Poovey, John Quinn, Mrs. Ned Trexler

WARLICK'S (6): Rev. James D. Russell (Pastor)

WAYSIDE (3): None

WEST HICKORY (12): Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), Judy Barkley, O. A. Buff, Mrs. O. A. Buff, Helen Cater, James W. Coble, Mrs. James W. Coble, Mrs. Nova P. Deal, Jo Ann Fowler, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Nihla Turett, (6 visitors)

WINKLER'S GROVE (12): None

WOODLAWN (7): Rev. Woodrow Flynn (Interim Pastor), R. T. Boatwright, Mrs. Robert Boatwright, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Mrs. Norman R. Fisher, Mrs Sybil B. Stewart, (1 visitor)

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REPORTS

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Miss Judy Barkley

In response to the spiritual needs of settlers on America's frontier for access to God's Word came the appeal of Samuel J. Mills, divinity student, to start Bible societies across the country to unite efforts and combine resources to meet that need. As a result, in 1816 the American Bible Society emerged with it sole purpose to translate, publish, and distribute the Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment and without profit, endeavoring to make the Scriptures available to the world's peoples in languages they understand and at a low price.

Cooperatively, with the United Bible Societies, 501,125,210 Bibles, New Testaments, Portions and Selections were distributed in 1978 (127,414,817 in U.S.), a 23 percent increase in worldwide distribution over 1977. Permission was granted for 25,000 Bibles to be shipped to Russia. Also, by 1978 at least one complete book of the Bible was published in 1, 659 languages with

translations appearing in 22 common languages to ease comprehension of readers. There is yet the need for translation of Scriptures into 1,000 additional dialects of tribal groups who need God's Word. 13,000,000 New Reader Scriptures distributed in Indonesia to aid literacy programs and to share the Gospel with those unable to read.

Still, in its 163rd year, the ABS remains the chief Scripture-supplying service agency of all Christian churches, receiving financial support from individuals and churches. Total gifts received 1978 \$1,668,148.00 with \$309,204.00 contributed by the Southern Baptist Convention, for which the American Bible Society expresses its appreciation. However, it is imperative our Convention increase gifts next year to \$.04 per member (\$517,000.00) to help ABS keep up with ever increasing demand for Scriptures worldwide.

In 1978, 33,400 ABS volunteers served as ABS representatives to local churches, operated 2,640 Scripture Courtesy Centers across U.S., and shared Scriptures with people in churches, hospitals, prisons, business establishments, etc.

By prayers and gifts, continue to support the ABS in sharing the Good News with the world.

REPORT ON THE ANNUITY BOARD

Rev. John Pollack

Annuity Board Program participation is growing. In 1978 there were 630 new churches enrolled, a record enrollment. New pastors and staff members numbered 2,545 enrollments. The Family Benefit Section (Plan A) counted 23,986 members, and Age Security Section (Plan B) grew from 33,062 participants in 1977 to 44,324 in 1978.

Premium income reached \$51,797,996; this includes relief. Total assets rose from \$498,977,661 in 1977 to \$569,734,471 in 1978.

As of March 31, 1979, 2,953 staff members of 2,900 churches and associations of North Carolina are participating in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program.

In the Theron Rankin Association, 29 churches and 39 staff members are participating in the Retirement Program.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE**Rev. David O. Byler**

The association Office Committee met and made recommendations as to salary and benefits for the Association Promotional Secretary to the Association Finance Committee. Said recommendations are reflected in the printed report of the Finance Committee.

It was further recommended that the allocation for the S.B.C. annual convention, since it was not used in 1979, be carried over to help defray the expenses of our Association Promotional Secretary for her trip to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Toronto, Canada in July 1980. We ask that the remainder of the cost be added to last years' fund in the 1980 budget to pay the full cost of her trip to Toronto. This is in lieu of a trip to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1980.

REPORT OF AUDITOR**Earl L. Melton, C.P.A.**

In accordance with your request, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1979, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Cash in Bank, \$552.53: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1979, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Cash in Savings Accounts, \$25,215.21: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings and Loan Association of \$15,518.50 and at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of \$9,696.71 on September 30, 1979, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Income, \$21,880.57: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

Expenses, \$22,289.23: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expenses of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association

to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(A complete report of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations, Cash, and Analysis of Cash, made by Mr. Melton is on file in the Association Office, if you desire to see it. The Statement of Operations shows an excess of expenses over Income to be \$408.66. -- Helen Cater)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Ray J. Summers

(No report received)

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Rev. J. Garland Early

Although growth in bed capacity at Baptist Hospital has leveled off at just under 700 beds, there is continuing expansion of the hospital's services which include new discoveries made through medical research, and is in response to the health care needs of people.

During the past year a 38-bed rehabilitation unit has opened to offer short-term services and family instruction to the disabled, such as patients with strokes, arthritis, burns, long-term casts, joint replacement surgery, brain tumors, spinal cord injuries, hand injuries, and some cardiac problems.

A new six-bed burn unit is scheduled to open soon which will permit the isolation of burn patients in a location where all required services are immediately available.

An automatic clinical analyzer, the first of its kind in the state, has been acquired and put into operation. This fully automated analyzer, which uses computer technology, can perform more than 200 tests. It analyzes blood serum and body fluids and provides results in less than eight minutes.

Another new ministry is a program of home visitation for children with cancer and their families. A team consisting of physicians, nurses, a psychologist and chaplains minister to families during three critical periods: when a child has received diagnosis of cancer, when a child is terminally ill, when a child has recently died.

Our chaplains lead worship services in Davis Chapel, which

are relayed to all patient rooms by closed-circuit television and provide many other valuable services. The Pastoral Care department has satellites in Fayetteville, Raleigh, Morganton and Charlotte.

Baptist Hospital has actively participated in the voluntary effort to keep hospital costs as low as possible. Our hospital and several of its employees have been recognized and received awards for their cost-saving ideas and efforts.

In recent months the hospital's oldest building - "Old Main" - has been torn down and a new six-story Focus building is now rising on this site.

Our hospital staff members have been working with representatives from other denominational agencies and with leaders of the Baptist State Convention to promote the North Carolina Missions Offering. The hospital looks forward to receiving its share of this offering, as gifts from the churches in the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$196,516, as compared to \$388,122 in the preceeding fiscal year.

REPORT OF THE BROTHERHOOD

B.J. Abernethy

It's a real joy for me to report to you that the men in our Association are more active in missions in their churches after attending several workshops these last two years. Our State leaders have been most helpful in this training.

Once again I was able to attend the Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest. It was another opportunity for me to witness the fine training and programs our Baptists have to offer both our Pastors, laypeople and youth.

Following Ridgecrest, we held our follow-up Conference at the Highland Church; the attendance was great, and all were agreed that it was helpful to each leader.

Watch the Association News Letter for dates and events such as Youth Week and Layman's day, and may I remind each of you not to forget our Senior Citizens, let's minister to their needs as God leads.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. Homer Bradey

Church Training, Family Life and Church Staff Relationships

were the points of emphasis planned for Central Training School last February. Sunday School Board Consultants were scheduled with state and local leaders involved. An extravagant program was shaping up nicely until the snow storm of February 1979 brought things to a grinding close. The School had to be cancelled with regrets.

Some parts of the Training School were rescheduled in the Church Training area later in the Church Year. Also, the Church Staff Relations Conference has been rescheduled for March 10-12, 1980.

Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Music age level leadership will be the emphasis for February, 1980. Reverend Ben Hall will direct the Central Training School at Viewmont Baptist Church, February 25-27, 1980. Music and Missions will be the general theme of emphasis.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Rev. Kay Smith

"And He gave gifts, some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

Baptist schools and churches across the Southern Baptist Convention strive through good solid Christian education to "build up", or edify the body of Christ. This is the task set before us and the challenge offered us.

Baptists of North Carolina support and operate, through elected trustees, six colleges and one university: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wingate Colleges, and Wake Forest University. When North Carolina Baptists call the college/university roll these are seven reasons to be proud!

According to the latest figures printed by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the 134,000 students attending 53 Baptist colleges in the convention, almost 20,000 are enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools. Thus 15% of all Baptist college enrollments are located in this state.

The 1978-79 year witnessed change and progress. Enrollments were stable; budgets were balanced; Wingate made history by graduating the first senior class; Campbell, once known as a senior college, announced a name change to Campbell University; the Campbell Law School graduated its first class. In the main,

it was a good year for Baptist colleges and seminaries.

Our Baptist seminaries are experiencing rapid growth and expansion of physical surroundings as well as increased enrolments. Under strong leadership, and dedicated students, to the importance of commitment to Christian purposes, and the willingness to strive constantly for academic excellence, Southern Baptists are turning out leaders dedicated to the real task of Christian education at its best.

Churches are urged to encourage their youth to attend Baptist colleges and seminaries. Most of the students attending a North Carolina Baptist college or seminary receive some form of financial aid. Grants, loans, and work scholarships are available for those who need them.

North Carolina colleges and seminaries are grateful for the generous financial support through the Cooperative Program. Southern Baptists working together *can* make Bold Missions a reality! Let us make every effort to carry out this definite Bold Mission Thrust in our society.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Rev. Ben Hall

It is often hard to determine when and when not to become involved in issues which affect a community, a state and nation. Always there will be those who say, "It is none of your business."

This was much of the attitude the Christian Life Committee has felt in this past year as we became involved with the Christian Life League of Catawba County to bring about defeat of LBD for our county.

Through the efforts of many churches and various denominations, we brought forth a solid front to bring defeat to this issue at this time.

Yet, as a committee, and as an Association, we must not let our guards fall. It may be that in the spring we will face the same question again if our State Legislature allows local principalities such as the City of Hickory and Conover to have a vote on LBD separate from the county referendum. Several years must pass before the county can call for a vote again on local option for LBD.

Let me urge every church of our association to keep listening to the social and moral and spiritual needs around you and do not fail to speak to the issue.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. J. D. Reinhardt

We are constantly being reminded never to substitute Christian literature for the study of the Bible itself.

However, Christian literature can greatly assist us in our understanding of the Bible through inspiration and guiding us in various ways to a systematic study of the Bible.

The Bible is our textbook and the Sunday School Board in Nashville provides a vast resource center through the assortment of materials published. Of particular note is the *Home Bible Study* launched in October, 1978. It is a unique outreach ministry FREE to anyone requesting it and is supported by voluntary contributions. It is publicized through the companion radio/TV broadcasts, *At Home With The Bible*.

Also quite new is *Christian Single* for young and median age singles, never married and single again. Each monthly issue contains a daily devotional guide and at least twenty articles on contemporary issues and needs for singles.

These are but two aids to strengthening your spiritual life, but many more are available.

We are told in the book of John, Chapter 5, verse 39 to "*Search the Scriptures.*" We should store up God's Word in our hearts, not only for our own good, but to share these riches with others.

According to Proverbs, Chapter 16, verse 16, "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Mrs. Smoot Baker

1978-79 has been a good year for Church Training in our Association and over the State, as this organization for "discipling" our people has shown an increase, whereas other program organizations have declined. We praise God for this and would encourage all our churches to give great emphasis to this department of our work.

The church which does not provide for its members the privilege of growth in the areas assigned to Church Training is robbing them of opportunities for becoming a true disciple and is robbing itself of the possibility of equipped, able mem-

bers in the areas assigned to Church Training and which are done by *no other* organization. These areas are teaching Christian theology, Christian history, Christian ethics, church polity and organization, and the training of our people to perform the work of the church: to worship, to teach (or educate), to witness, to minister and to apply these teachings to every day living.

During the past year one significant thing on a State level has meant much to the work, i.e., this department has again been designated "Church Training," and now the workers there can give more specific help to the churches.

Activities on the Associational level designed to assist and encourage the churches were:

Leader Lab — October — East Hickory;

"M" Night — November — Mountain Grove, with Rev. James Rose of Nashville as speaker;

Regional Interpretation meeting conducted by State personnel — Statesville in February;

Youth Night — May — Temple;

Tournament Time at North Newton for Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament with a reception following — also in May;

N. C. Baptist Assembly in Caswell in June;

Ridgecrest Assembly in July;

Key Leadership Conference — August — Highland;

Regional Children's Rally — September — Highland;

New ideas, materials and suggestions have been developed to help our people grow, and your Associational officers are eager to be of service to you — the only reason for an Associational organization is to assist the church.

TRAIN . . . TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

E. Murray Tate, Jr.

(No report received.)

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Rev. Malcom H. Ivey

The population of North Carolina and the area covered by Theron Rankin Baptist Association have both shown a large amount of growth in population during the past ten years. The sad thing is that while the population of our areas is growing the number of people being led to know Christ as Saviour and Lord

is declining.

In the period between 1966 and 1978 North Carolina declined by an average of 5,348 baptisms per year and during the period of 1967 to 1978 the Theron Rankin Association showed a decline of 301 baptisms per year.

Our state and local association both face a great challenge to turn things around for the cause of Christ. Southeastern Seminary now has for the first time a Department of Evangelism. Dr. John Tresch heads up this department and this should prove to be a tremendous blessing not only to students now enrolled at Southeastern, but to the entire state as a whole.

We here in Theron Rankin also have a challenge and steps are being taken by our churches to be more involved in the Bold Mission Thrust and evangelism is a very important part of the effort.

The State Convention is now planning for a Simultaneous Statewide Revival in 1982 and our churches need not to vote to participate in this combined effort in the meantime we are planning for an association-wide effort in 1980.

The clinics are also being planned for our association:

1. **BOLD EVANGELISM CLINIC . . .** for pastors and lay persons.
2. **REVIVAL PLANBOOK CLINIC . . .** for pastors and lay persons.

EVANGELISM IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY CHURCH AND EVERY CHRISTIAN BECAUSE IT IS AND HAS BEEN GOD'S FIRST PRIORITY FOR HIS CHURCHES.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. H. Phillip King, Moderator

The Executive Committee met in session four times as regularly scheduled. An average of 30 persons from 25 churches were present for each meeting. The agenda cared for the normal activities of our Association's work. There were no real changes in any organizational activity with the exception of Central Training School. Due to snow, the Moderator with the advice of our Promotional Secretary, C.T.S. Director and others, cancelled the February activity. It will be recorded as the only time Central Training School has been cancelled. Parts of that activity will be held in the new year, i. e., October 1-2, the Church Training Workshop with the leadership that had been scheduled for

February will be held and in March 10-12, 1980 the Church Staff Relations Conference will be held.

Three groups deserve mention — The *Trustees*, for their very able work in awarding scholarships. Their task is most difficult; the *Extension Committee*, which has regularly provided information and an enthusiastic report. Mr. Alvin Walker has been a real inspiration in his committee work; the *Long Range Planning Committee* has actively sought answers in the discovery of priorities, plans, and proclamation of goals. Mr. Van Teague has enthusiastically led his committee in the special work.

One action taken by the Executive Committee was the enthusiastic support for the building of a Civic Center in Catawba County. No commitment of funds was given, but a blessing and approval of the project as a potential good for religious groups in our area.

Much fine work has been done this year. It is the desire of the Executive Committee and the Moderator that 100% increase of churches and people be accomplished for the 1979-80 year. It is not too much to ask that both Pastors and Church Lay Representatives be present. We believe the Theron Rankin will be stronger with greater participation if this goal is accomplished.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Alvin A. Walker

The Extension Committee met last March and attempted to set up a survey of our mission area, but it developed that we started too late to get a suitable date. We hope this can be done next year.

An attractive sign has been erected in front of this lot with these words, "Site for a Southern Baptist Church, a Bold Mission Project sponsored by Theron Rankin Baptist Association." Our moderator suggested that the front of this lot be cleared and made available for picnic and other outings, however a wet season dampened such efforts. This task was assigned to Rev. Garland Early who volunteered to include it with some landscape work to be done for Temple Church. Mr. Early has been most faithful and persistent in his efforts, but back orders on such work have bogged down his efforts.

We reported to the Executive Committee in August that we have now on hand enough money to meet our next annual payments. We also paid our own expenses for the painted site sign.

We will pay Mr. Yoder \$3,248.12, and Mr. James \$2,624.00. This leaves two more payments to Mr. Yoder. After that our payments will be \$1,600.00 plus interest each year for five years to Mr. James. If offerings continue to come in as usual, we can make two of these payments each year and save considerable interest.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Rose W. Wolff

Many of us became acquainted with foreign missions in the Sunbeam era as we dropped our coins into the little Lottie Moon boxes. We learned of our missionaries in China, Japan, Africa and South America. Later, as RA's and GA's, we were fascinated with the William Carey's and Luther Rice, the Bagby's and others.

Our younger generation is challenged with Bill Wallace of China and such places as Zimbabwe, Bophutatswana and Toto. Foreign missionaries serve in 94 countries of our world. At the end of 1978, Southern Baptists had 2,906 foreign missionaries. In July, 1979, the Board appointed 33 new missionaries and re-appointed two. The Bold Mission Thrust objective to increase the missionary staff to more than 5,000 by A.D. 2000 remains a challenge.

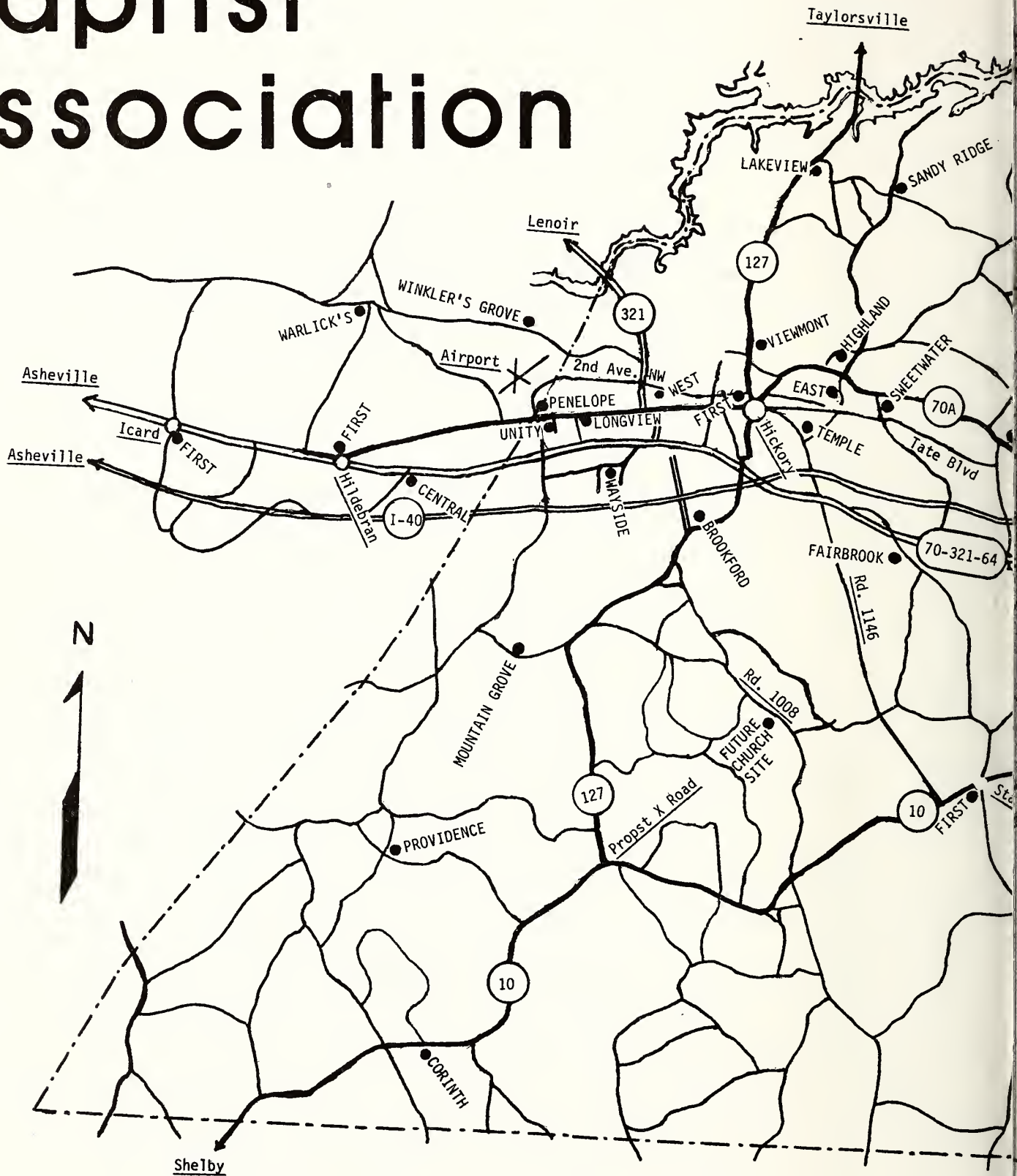
Will the churches in Theron Rankin Association be Spirit-led "hot houses" for the cultivation of young missions volunteers for these remaining twenty years? This is both a challenge and a responsibility. Now will *you* react to this mighty call of God?

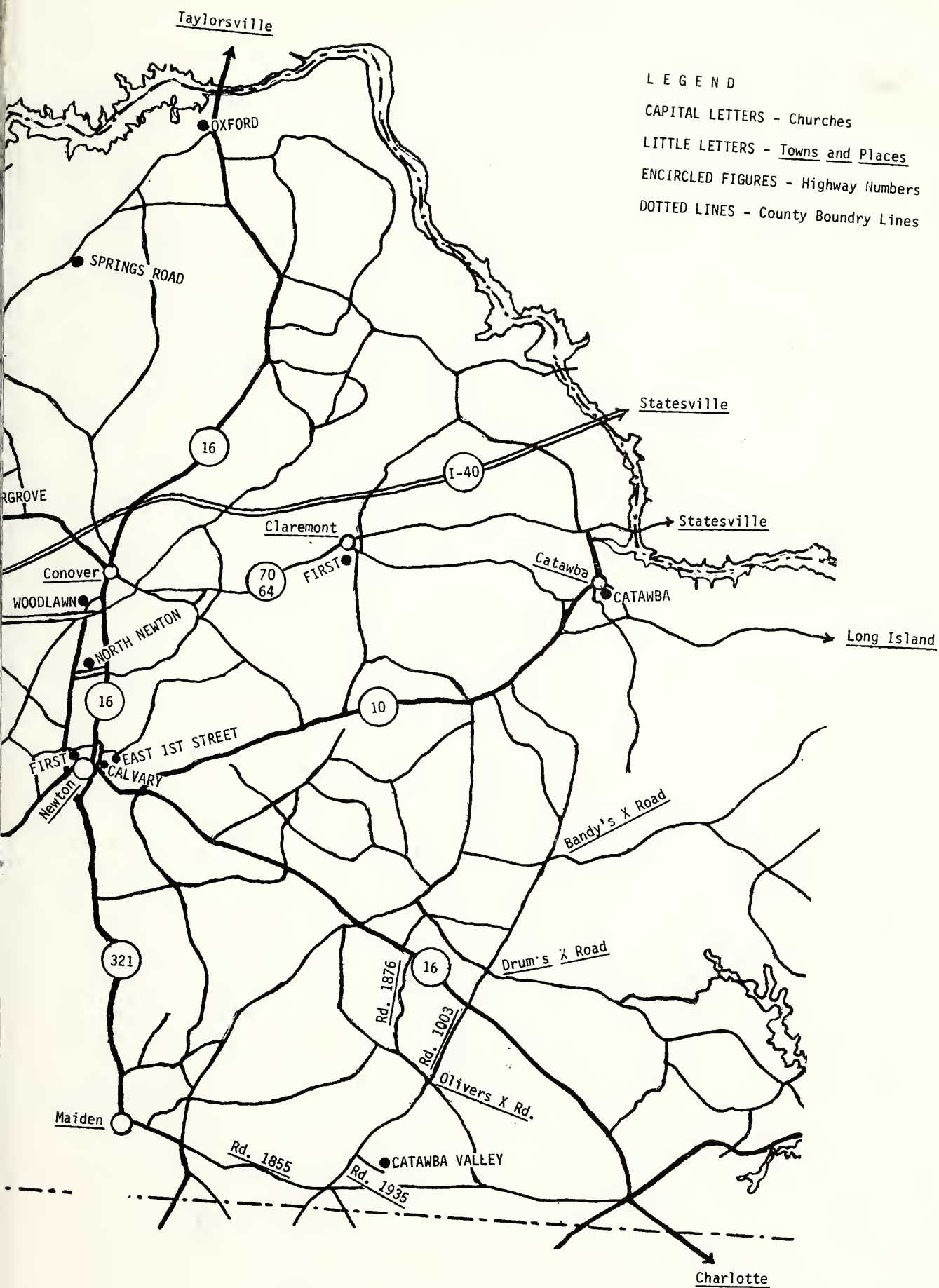
An item of interest that caught my eye is the fact that our Baptist churches abroad number more than 10,449 with a membership of over 1,214,699. Baptisms totaled 94,543. Again the Bold Mission Thrust objectives of a tenfold increase in churches calls for increased efforts. Will our churches here respond with fervent prayer, increased offerings, and the giving of sons and daughters that churches abroad will, with the power of the Holy Spirit, meet their objective?

As Winston Crawley, Director of Overseas Division, so aptly stated, and I quote, "Missions is concerned with making disciples, maturing disciples in the fellowship of local churches into a cooperative effort for continued outreach."

And thus it will be from now to eternity as Christians respond to God through Jesus Christ and "go into all the world making

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disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

"And lo," said Jesus, "I will be with you always."

REPORT OF HISTORIAN J. Perry Abernethy

The 23rd annual session of the association was held October 19, 1979, at First Church, Icard, and at Viewmont on October 20th. The officers were Moderator, J. Bruce Walker; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Fritz Hemphill; Clerk, Miss Helen Cater; Registrar, V. H. White. All reports from committees, organizations and institutions were received and adopted. On a report from the Membership Committee the Catawba Valley Church was accepted into full membership of the Association.

The annual sermon was by H. Phillip King, pastor, West Hickory Church. Special music the first session was by Mrs. Carolyn Threatt, C. O. Pendley and the Icard Choir. The Young Adult Ensemble of Pritchard Memorial Church of Charlotte, with Hal Shoemaker, also furnished special music in the evening session.

Special music the second session was furnished by Charles R. Brown and David O. Byler. Dr. Billy T. Mobley, pastor at First Church, Hickory, delivered a doctrinal sermon the second session.

New officers elected were: H. Phillip King, Moderator and David Byler, Vice-Moderator. The next annual session was to meet with Penelope, October 25, 1979, and Sandy Ridge, October 26, 1979.

A Church Training Update Conference was held at East Hickory, October, 1978. Associational Church Training "M" Night on November 27, at Mountain Grove with 240 attending, speaker was James Rose of the SBC Church Library Department. The Central Training School scheduled for February 19-21, 1979, at Hickory, First, was cancelled on account of heavy snowfall. An Association Brotherhood Workshop was held at Woodlawn Church, March 27. The annual Associational WMU meeting with Newton, First, April 3rd, speaker was Neal Peyton Director of Special Ministries, Baptist State Convention. A Key Leadership Conference as a part of Bold Mission Thrust was held August 28 at Highland Church.

A number of personnel changes in the churches were made

during the year: Warlick's called James D. Russell as Pastor; Ron Kiser resigned as Association Pastor at Sandy Ridge to go as Pastor to Bonlee Church, Sandy Run Association. Icard, First, voted to add a new staff position and called Kevin Rodgers as Minister of Music/Activities. First, Hildebran, called Ted L. Starnes as interim pastor and he served until James M. Hester of the Alexander Association, came as Pastor in April, 1979. J. Bruce Walker resigned as pastor of Central to go to Calvary, Rocky Mount. Viewmont called Dr. Alan Sasser as Pastor. Kenneth Faulkenbury, pastor at Winkler's Grove, went to the Holy Land in November. Penelope, Aubrey Folk, pastor, voted to add a full-time staff member and dedicated the newly re-decorated sanctuary on April 22nd.

A GA Day Camp was held at Providence June 2nd, Mrs. Joan Furr, missionary to Peru, as speaker. Central called Darrell Webb as pastor; Latt Beshears had been serving as interim pastor and they have added a full-time staff position. The Catawba Valley Church dedicated their new sanctuary July 15th.

Three scholarships of \$350.00 were awarded this year — recipients were: Carolyn Burroughs and Robin Rowe, West Hickory and Debra Little, Claremont, First — all majoring in religion at Gardner-Webb College. Sandy Ridge dedicated their new sanctuary, May 27th; Harold Threatt resigned as pastor at Woodlawn; Woodrow Flynn is serving as their interim pastor. Joe Canipe resigned as pastor of Longview to go to a church in Fort Myers, Florida. Longview has called Edward B. Smith as pastor.

Churches on Mission tours this summer were First, Hickory, Highland, Penelope, Viewmont, West Hickory and Oxford.

Fritz D. Hemphill, pastor of the West Hickory Church from 1947-1960, who was living in retirement in our association, was fatally injured in a traffic accident in Hickory, November 8, 1978. He was instrumental in the organization of our association and served as the first moderator. He established and served as Director of the Central Training School until 1960. Since his retirement he served many churches in the unifour area as interim pastor and continued to work with the State Sunday School department until the tragic accident.

CORINTH renovated their sanctuary, adopted Constitution & By-Laws. EAST HICKORY remodeled education. FAIR—GROVE constructed a new fellowship building. HICKORY, FIRST, is now debt-free; voted to enlarge sanctuary organ;

received organ harp as gift. Dr. Kelly Howell resigned as Minister Education/Administration.

HIGHLAND ordained Carl Wyatt to the Gospel ministry. HILDEBRAN, FIRST, is debt-free. LAKEVIEW started an addition to their sanctuary and a Family Life Center. LONGVIEW purchased a van. NEWTON, FIRST, received a residence from the will of Reaves Ervin. NORTH NEWTON purchased a new church bus. OXFORD purchased cemetery land.

PENELOPE renovated their sanctuary; added sound system, Baldwin organ and Baldwin grand piano. SANDY RIDGE dedicated new sanctuary. TEMPLE observed 30th anniversary; purchased new pastorium. VIEWMONT is erecting a new education and activities facility.

WINKLER'S GROVE dedicated their new sanctuary on June 24th. WOODLAWN began construction of their new sanctuary.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. James. W. Coble

The events and programs accomplished by Home Missions hinged on the Bold Mission Thrust. The Home Mission Board and other Southern Baptist Convention groups have begun work in 156 counties without a Southern Baptist witness reducing the number of unentered counties to 574.

During the year 14 program areas and the support sections have accomplished a number of tasks. These programs assist churches, associations and state conventions within their area.

The Mission Service Corps had 90 volunteers assigned to 29 states in six program areas. Through the Special Mission Ministries 21,600 volunteers participated in mission work. Almost 500 adults volunteered for short term corps, working in church extension, language missions, and interfaith witness. 13 college professors worked directly in missions, also 1,400 college students worked during the summer for 10 weeks, and 550 college students spent spring holidays and short vacation serving in missions.

Significant increases were made through Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 1978 with a 17½ percent increase above the 1977 figure. Total gifts were \$25,279,805, with \$11,489,194 from the cooperative program and \$12,282,227 from the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

Other program areas include Evangelism Development, Person-

al Evangelism, Mass Evangelism, Interfaith Witness, Language Missions, Pioneer Missions, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Church Loans and Church Extension.

Let us remember how important it is to have a Christian nation, we can give, pray, and witness.

REPORT ON HOMES FOR THE AGING

(Our *Homes* Representative, Rev. Fritz Hemphill, was deceased soon after his election; hence we are preparing the report in our office.)

This has been a year of great significance and celebration in the life of our N.C. Baptist Homes for the Aged.

Of outstanding importance has been the completion, dedication, and occupancy of our new Western North Carolina Home in Asheville, which accomodates 50 additional residents. Already, the Home has been filled.

The new apartment complex in Winston-Salem, accomodating 16, has been completed and all of the apartments have either been filled or assigned. With an old apartment, built in 1961, there are a total of five duplex apartments, accomodating 20 persons. With the apartment complex, the six Baptist Homes, and the skilled nursing facility, 300 persons can be served in our Baptist Homes. Homes are located at: Resthaven, The Hayes Home, Apartments, the Skilled Nursing Unit, in Winston-Salem; the Albemarle Home, in Albemarle; the Hamilton Home in Hamilton; the Yanceyville Home in Yanceyville; the Western N.C. Home in Asheville.

Financially, this has been a crucial year in our Baptist Homes, since we did not have our usual 3rd Sunday of February offering, which makes up 16% of our total budget. We have had to move into our endowment funds in order to operate and to keep the ship afloat, since the usual \$300,000 that we receive in February was delayed until we receive the North Carolina Missions Offering in September. We are looking forward to this offering in a very special way for crucial support. Let us trust that the goal of \$2,000,000 for all Baptist causes in North Carolina will be met.

Continue to support the Cooperative Program from which our Homes receive 8% of our total budget. During the 28 years of the Homes ministry, the amount of 1 2/10% of the State Convention Cooperative dollar for the Homes has not changed.

Through the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists, five out of every six people, who cannot pay the full cost of care, are supplemented.

Rev. Jim Saul has replaced the vacancy created by the retirement of Rev. Ralph Cannon as Director of Denominational Relations and Development.

Ministry to an older person is a ministry as unto Christ Himself. We trust that you will keep this vital ministry close to your heart and in your prayers, and that your gifts will enable us not only to minister to those in our care, but encourage us to expand this desperately needed ministry in our Convention.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Darrell Saunders

(This committee had no activities during the year.)

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Rev. Tommy Scarborough

1. The full-time ministers of music met for several luncheon meetings throughout the year to determine needs and make plans to strengthen the Music Ministry in our Association.

2. Last January, Highland Church hosted a fellowship supper and vocal technique clinic for the adult choirs in the Association. Attendance was good and guest clinician, Dr. David Smith from Gardner-Webb College, led us in an enjoyable and informative clinic following supper.

3. During this year, initial plans were made for the 1980 Central Training School, Music/Missions emphasis, utilizing Charles Gatwood, Charles Storey and state approved workers in music.

4. All Music Directors and Ministers of Music from associational churches were encouraged to attend the music sessions of the Bold Missions conference that was held in August at Highland Church. Resources were shared and a directory distributed, dividing the Association into zones with a full-time minister of music being assigned churches in each zone to provide assistance when called upon. A questionnaire was made up to be filled out by each church to help determine music needs. These questionnaires can be a valuable tool to determine needs and make future plans.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

V. H. White

Clerk Miss Helen Cater
 Treasurer Frelon W. Broome
 Historian J. Perry Abernethy
 Parliamentarian Donald E. Greene
 Trustees:
 Term expiring 1980. J. Rudy Roberts
 Term expiring 1981. John Hall
 Term expiring 1982. Harold Deal
 Sunday School Director Rev. Douglas West
 Church Training Director Mrs. Smoot Baker
 Brotherhood Director B. J. Abernethy
 Woman's Missionary Union Director Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.
 Music Director. Tommy Scarborough

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Rev. William T. Mills, Chmn., Dr. Alan Sasser, Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner, Tommy Scarborough, Host Pastor for the 1980 session

MEMBERSHIP: Rev. Fred Thompson, Chmn., Rev. James Hester, Rev. V. C. Martin, Rev. George L. Huffman, Rev. David O. Byler

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Harvey Laughter, Chmn., Rev. Ted Turner, Rev. Joe Woods, Mrs. Billy T. Mobley, Cecil Mull

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: E. Murray Tate, Jr., Chmn., Lloyd Pittman, J. Max Smith

EXTENSION: Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Chmn., C. W. Broome, Rev. Homer Bradey, Martin Frank, Joe Watkins

FINANCE: William H. Parks, Chmn., Mrs. Rose W. Wolff, Rev. Aubrey Folk, Rev. Paul Childers, Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury, Earl Melton, Auditor; Frelon Broome, Treas.

PLACE & PREACHER: James W. Coble, Chmn., Rev. A. V. Ledford, Rev. Darrell Saunders, Dr. Smoot Baker, Louis Robinson

CHRISTIAN LIFE: Rev. Walter L. Cooley, Chmn., Dr. Billy T. Mobley, Rev. Wray G. Barrett, Rev. Homer F. Greene, Rev. Bobby Langston

ORDINATION: Rev. Larry Phillips, Chmn., Rev. Roy Beals, Rev. Kay Smith, Rev. John Pollack, Rev. Jack Warren

PUBLICITY: Miss Martha Eggers, Chmn., Graham O. Dixon, Mrs. Joyce Toney

EVANGELISM: Rev. Malcom Ivey, Chmn., Rev. James D. Russell, Rev. Darrell Webb

ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chmn., Plus three associates from each host church

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: K. N. Houston, Chmn., Rev. H. Phillip King, M. C. Turbyfill, Rev. Richard Fisher, Paul Tolbert

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: Rev. Ben Hall, Director, plus the head of each Program organization or their representative

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chmn., Earl Roberts, Bill Styers

MINISTRY WITH AGING: R. D. Buie, Chmn., V. H. White, Rev. Latt Beshears, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Miss Nancy Hildebran

NOMINATING: Representative named by each Program organization; plus Pastor/Advisor named by the Moderator

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society.....	Wayne McDowell
Annuity Board	Rev. Albert Young
Baptist Hospital.....	Dr. Tom Warren
Children's Homes	Ray Summers
Christian Education.....	Max Padgett
Christian Literature.....	Rev. I. D. Phillips
Homes For Aging	Dr. Larry Penley
Foreign Missions	Rev. J. Garland Early
Home Missions	Mrs. Larry Penley
State Missions	Mrs. C. Van Teague

REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Rev. Harvey Laughter

The Ordination Committee, at the request of the Highland Baptist Church, recommended that Carl Wyatt, a member of Highland Church, be ordained to the Gospel ministry of evangelism.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Wayne McDowell

The Place and Preacher committee recommends that the 25th annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association be held on Thursday following the third Sunday in October with the Woodlawn Baptist Church. The one-day session has been authorized by vote of the Association in Annual Session.

Preaching the Annual Sermon will be Dr. Smoot Baker, retired from Temple Baptist Church, and Alternate will be Rev. Malcom Ivey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the 24th annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association comes to a close, your committee offers the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to the Penelope Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. Aubrey Folk, and the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. Homer Greene, for providing so adequately for our annual sessions and sharing graciously their Christian hospitality.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that gratitude be expressed to Dr. Billy Mobley and the members of the Program Committee for putting together the informative program and securing the right speakers for today's needs in our association.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of gratitude be extended to all of those who made the musical program a worshipping experience.

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expressions of gratitude be extended to Rev. Phillip King, Moderator, Rev. David Byler, Vice-Moderator, Miss Helen Cater, Clerk and Promotional Secretary, Frelon Broome, Treasurer, and V. H. White, Registrar, for their leadership as officers of the association. We also express our gratitude to all committees for their work this year.

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grateful acknowledgment be expressed to Rev. King, Moderator, and the Long Range Planning Committee, Mr. C. Van Teague, chairman, and the Finance Committee, Mr. Gary Whitener, chairman, for their time and efforts in leading this association to new horizons in Bold Missions in our associational work.

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grateful acknowledg-

ment be expressed to Rev. Phillip King, Rev. Coy Privette and the Christian Action League and to all those who did their part to defeat L.B.D. referendum that Catawba County faced. We further resolve to do our part anywhere we can to defeat this in the future.

We, the messengers to the 24th annual meeting of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, do hereby resolve ourselves, anew, to carry out God's program, *Bold Missions*, to the fullest from the church, association, State, Home and Foreign Mission levels.

Rev. Ronald G. Johnson, Chairman
 Rev. A. V. Ledford
 Floyd Davis
 Mrs. Garland Early
 John Quinn

THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in Hickory:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1978. \$15,150.70

Deposits this year: Rev. Fritz Hemphill memorials. . . 2,029.25

Dividends added this year:

Savings Certificate. . . \$1,115.96

90 day account. 117.14

Total dividends 1,233.10

Total on deposit in the two accounts on 9/30/79 . . \$18,413.05

These funds are divided as follows:

Savings Certificate (4 year demand) \$15,444.32

Account at 5 3/4% (90 day demand). \$ 2,968.73

These funds are designated as follows:

Permanent Principal \$14,088.68

Total dividends accumulated. \$ 4,324.37

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS Mrs. Larry Penley

The Baptist State Convention voted to combine all State Convention special offerings — Homes for the Aging, Baptist Hospital, Christian Education, WMU promotion (Heck-Jones), State Missions, and Children's Homes into one "North Carolina Mis-

sions Offering" in September with a goal of \$2,000,000.

Hopefully this will be a more effective way to receive special offerings while at the same time will strengthen the Cooperative Program.

We hope this creates a better feeling among our people toward special giving.

The distribution of the North Carolina Missions Offering for 1979 will be as follows:

State Missions Projects	\$600,000
Baptist Hospital	300,000
Homes for the Aging	300,000
Children's Homes	600,000
Christian Higher Education	100,000
WMU Promotion (Heck-Jones)	100,000
Total —	\$2,000,000

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Douglas West

One of the important arms of any church is its Sunday School. An active and outreaching Sunday School program can do much for the spiritual as well as the physical growth of any church. Our association workers assisted several churches in teacher training this past year. The team offers to help, as needed, your church as it seeks to fulfill the Great Commission.

We assisted also in the Key Leadership Conference held in August at Highland Baptist. Our workers also shared in the leadership of the Vacation Bible School Clinic held at West Hickory.

Statewide statistics have indicated a decline in Sunday School enrollment this year. Let's each of us pledge to do our part in helping our own churches, and, in turn, our association reverse this trend. Paul's advice to Timothy can be advice for us, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth," II Timothy 2:15.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frelon W. Broome, Treas., Gary Whitener, Finance Chmn.

	Budget Goal This Year	Amt Rec'd General Fund	10/1/79-9/30/80 Church Extension	Budget Goal 1979-80
Brookford	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00*	\$ 100.00	\$ 185.00
Calvary	402.00	420.00*	280.00*	419.00
Catawba	219.00	241.00*	—	207.00
Catawba Valley	54.00	54.00*	—	143.00
Central	614.00	400.00	—	616.00
Claremont, First	202.00	162.50	—	204.00
Corinth	333.00	365.00*	—	381.00
East First Street	406.00	420.00*	—	502.00
East Hickory	635.00	660.00*	265.00	602.00
Fairbrook	170.00	170.00*	—	159.00
Fairgrove	269.00	175.00	—	324.00
Hickory, First	2,700.00	2,678.76	2,500.00	4,096.00
Highland	2,480.00	1,300.00	600.00	1,825.00
Hildebran, First	807.00	500.00	—	820.00
Icard, First	542.00	300.00	—	645.00
Lakeview	482.00	778.99*	100.00	564.00
Longview	194.00	162.00	102.00	201.00
Mountain Grove	606.00	606.00*	650.00*	616.00
Newton, First	892.00	892.00*	650.00*	870.00
North Newton	514.00	636.00*	—	586.00
Oxford	399.00	325.00	—	453.00
Penelope	1,278.00	600.00	850.00*	1,433.00
Providence	224.00	227.00*	—	246.00
Sandy Ridge	660.00	660.00*	—	633.00
Springs Road	677.00	700.00*	—	732.00
Startown, First	274.00	264.00	—	286.00
Sweetwater	207.00	566.41*	—	263.00
Temple	557.00	509.86	—	584.00
Unity	237.00	—	—	211.00
Viewmont	1,659.00	1,300.00	41.00	1,634.00
Warlick's	272.00	287.00*	—	305.00
Wayside	79.00	—	—	82.00
West Hickory	1,023.00	1,174.98*	300.00	975.00
Winkler's Grove	888.00	250.00	—	1,351.00
Woodlawn	931.00	660.00	—	870.00
Individuals & State Convention			1,150.00	
TOTALS	\$22,048.00	\$18,607.50	\$7,588.00	\$24,023.00

(The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9/30/78 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested goal can continue to do so.

EACH CHURCH is requested to put an amount equal to \$1.00 per member in their 1980 budget designated for Association Church Extension. THIS ITEM IS IN ADDITION TO YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Budget	Spec.	Exp.	Budget
	1978-79	Rects. 1978-79	1978-79	1979-80
Sunday School . . . \$	250.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 188.45	\$ 250.00
Church Trng	400.00	16.56	359.39	400.00
WMU	400.00	—	400.00	500.00
Brotherhood	150.00	—	14.00	150.00
Music	100.00	—	60.00	150.00
Printing & Post . . .	725.00	—	603.09	800.00
Churches entertain- ing annual mtg . .	400.00	—	400.00	400.00
BSU, Lenoir- Rhyne Col	200.00	—	200.00	200.00
Scholarships (3) . . .	1,050.00	—	1,050.00	1,050.00
1978 Annual	1,200.00	25.00	924.95	1,200.00
Cent'l Trng. Sch. . .	1,200.00	—	314.32	1,200.00
Evangelism	500.00	—	—	500.00
Youth Work	200.00	—	79.39	200.00
Salaries	8,800.00	—	8,800.00	9,450.00
Social Security (assoc. part)	543.00	—	547.77	590.00
Medical/Life/ Disability Ins . . .	575.00	—	598.41	640.00
Car Allowance	700.00	—	700.00	1,000.00
Conv./Ridgecrest (Prom. Secy.)	600.00	—	490.00	600.00
Office Utilities . . .	450.00	—	458.26	500.00
Office Supplies . . .	700.00	306.08	869.72	800.00
Audio-Visual Aids . .	300.00	—	255.28	400.00
South Mountain Bapt. Camp	350.00	—	350.00	350.00

Office help	100.00	—	49.90	100.00
Miscellaneous	324.00	48.64	253.34	584.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	400.00	—	99.00	500.00
Annuity	1,012.00	—	1,011.96	1,077.00
Christmas Bonus (Prom. Sec.)	169.00	—	169.00	182.00
World Missions Conf. (Escrow) . . .	250.00	65.00	315.00	250.00
TOTALS	\$22,048.00	\$518.28	\$19,561.23	\$24,023.00
Life Insurance (designated)		371.79	345.00	
Church Extension (to be transf.) . . .		2383.00	2,383.00	
TOTALS	\$22,048.00	\$3273.07	\$22,289.23	\$24,023.00

SUMMARY — October 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979

Balance on hand on October 1, 1978	\$ 961.19
Receipts: from the churches	\$18,607.50
sale of supplies	306.08
Life Insurance (designated)	371.79
Church Extension (desig. through gen. fd.) .	2,383.00
1978 Annual (Minutes)	25.00
State sales tax refund	48.64
Church Training expenses (refunded)	16.56
V.B.S. supper	57.00
World Missions Conf. (designated — Newton, First)	65.00
Total receipts during this period	\$21,880.57
Total amount to be accounted for during this period	\$22,841.76
Less disbursements (listed in this report)	\$22,289.23
Balance on hand on September 30, 1979	\$ 552.53

Savings Accounts

Savings Certificate 6 3/4% (30 mo. demand)	
First Savings & Loan	\$14,505.58
Dividends added this year	1,012.92
Account, 5 3/4% (90 day notice) Fidelity	
Fed. Svgs. & Loan	\$ 4,912.57
Dividends added this year	290.75
	\$ 5,203.30

Account, 5¼% (on demand) Fidelity

Fed. Svgs. & Loan	\$4,260.94	
Dividends added this year.	<u>232.47</u>	<u>\$ 4,493.41</u>
Total on deposit in the three accounts on		
September 30, 1979		\$25,215.21
(Total dividends added this year in three accounts: \$1,536.14.)		

Church Extension Account

Balance on hand on September 30, 1978	\$ 5,579.72	
Receipts:		
from the churches (see Treas. report) .	\$6,588.00	
from Baptist State Convention	\$1,000.00	<u>\$ 7,588.00</u>
Total to be accounted for during this period.		\$13,167.72
Disbursements:		
Gerald M. Yoder	\$3,476.16	
Norman S. James.	\$2,752.00	
Stephens Sign Company	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	<u>\$6,298.16</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1979		\$6,869.56

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

William E. Burton, Jr.

This year the Trustees received five applications for Scholarships and awarded three (\$350.00 each) from our budget to (1) Carolyn Burroughs, West Hickory Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College (Missions); (2) Michael Robin Rowe, West Hickory Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College (Minister or Missionary); (3) Debra Lynn Little, Claremont, First Church, to attend Gardner-Webb College (Missions).

On instructions from the May meeting of the Executive Committee, concerning use of Scholarship Foundation dividends for the other two applicants, I conferred with George Hemphill, chairman, about using Scholarship Foundation earnings and we find that according to the Guidelines for the Foundation, these earnings have not matured enough to use now.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.

Woman's Missionary Union of the Theron Rankin Association sustained a great loss when the director, Mrs. Bruce Walker,

moved from the association at the end of 1978. She was not replaced until the annual associational WMU meeting in April, when Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., was elected to this position.

In February a banquet for Baptist Women was held at First Church, Hickory, under the direction of Mrs. Green, then associational Baptist Women Director.

Mrs. James Glenn, assistant WMU Director, presided at the annual WMU meeting at First Church, Newton, in April. The speaker for the meeting was Rev. Neil Peyton, Director of Special Ministries, Missions Division, Baptist State Convention.

In April a Baptist Young Women Banquet was held at Penelope, under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Folk, Baptist Young Women Director. Missionary appointee to Haiti, Mrs. Tim Brendle, spoke on this occasion.

A Girls in Action Day Camp was held at Providence Church in May, Mrs. Ben Hall, GA Director, directing. Mrs. Max Furr, missionary to Peru, was the speaker.

WMU Council meetings have been held during each quarter for planning the associational WMU work. It is a joy to work with an unusually fine group of associational leaders. In May Mrs. Greene represented the associational WMU at the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest. In August eight WMU leaders for the association attended the State Planning Conference at Ridgecrest.

There is a challenge for our associational WMU work in *improvement* of the work in the churches. In September over 160 women attended an associational leadership conference at Central Church. There is a challenge in anticipating *enlargement*. There are several churches in the association with no WMU work, and many others lack one or more age-level organizations. Plans to promote *enlistment* of new members in the church organizations is a challenge. *Promotion* of the regular work and goals of Bold Mission Thrust challenges us. Because we believe that missions is the heart beat of God, we, your associational WMU leadership, dedicate ourselves to these tasks.

ANNUAL SESSION – WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The 1979 WMU annual session was held on April 3rd at First Church, Newton, with 70 attending from 18 churches.

Mrs. Billy Mobley, First Church, Hickory, led the Call to Prayer. Mrs. Jean Adams, host church WMU Director, extended

a cordial welcome.

Mrs. James Glenn, Associate WMU Director, presided over the business session which included recognition of the churches and presentation of the age-level directors. Mrs. Van Teague presented the recommendations for officers from the nominating committee and these were elected as listed in the Association Directory of this issue. Mrs. Richard Fisher, Fairgrove Church, led in the installation service.

Ladies from Penelope Church gave a skit entitled "How Far?" which was written by Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.

Mrs. Greene, newly elected Association WMU Director, presented the speaker, Rev. Neal Peyton, Director, Special Ministries, Baptist State Convention, who challenged us to Bold Missions as we minister especially in the areas of special ministries.

Mrs. Ted Hayes, Lakeview Church, led in the benediction.

The ladies from the host church served refreshments during the closing fellowship period.

IN MEMORIAM

BROOKFORD

Mrs. C. M. Koon
Mrs. Blanche Austin

CALVARY

Mr. Warren Little

CATAWBA

Mr. Dale Martin
Mrs. Sam Morrow
Mrs. Fred Herman
Mrs. D. H. Webber

CLAREMONT, FIRST

Mr. Clarence Shook

CORINTH

Mrs. Amanda Bumgardner
Mr. Forest Bubgardner
Mr. David Rudisill

EAST FIRST STREET

Mr. Horace Mace
Mr. Ed Chambers

EAST HICKORY

Mr. C. H. Day
Mrs. M. R. Harvell
Mrs. Mamie Seagle

FAIRGROVE

Mr. David Wallen
Mr. C. G. Prince

HICKORY, FIRST

Mr. D. R. Bolick
Mrs. H. B. Thomasson
Mrs. Jack Robinson
Mr. Fred Wike

Mr. Vance Simpson

Mr. Elmore Kennedy

Mr. Harrison G. Huggins

Mr. Charles H. Brittain

Mrs. C. C. Clontz

Mr. Louis Bogle

Mrs. E. R. Lippard, Sr.

Mr. Prater J. Brown

Mr. Fred O. Wilson

Miss Vinna Wagner

Miss Lela Wise

HIGHLAND

Mrs. M. E. Isenhour

Mrs. B. F. Lookadoo

Mrs. George Hallman

Mrs. Paul Mooney

Mr. J. C. Bridgeman

Mrs. Lillian Lookadoo

Mr. Luther Benfield

Mr. Charles Helton

HILDEBRAN, FIRST

Mrs. Exie Wilson

Mrs. Johnnie Mosteller

Mrs. Artie Hicks

Mrs. Fred Evans

Mr. Clarence Justice

Mr. Ralph Sain

ICARD, FIRST

Mr. Zane Justice

Mr. Emory Eckard

Mr. J. J. Propst

LAKEVIEW

Mrs. Iren Bailey

Mrs. Addie Jones

Mrs. Ethel Goodson

LONGVIEW

Mr. Fred Crump (Deacon)

MOUNTAIN GROVE

Mrs. Kermit Weaver
Mrs. A. P. Whitener
Mr. Glenn Ward, Sr.
Mrs. Ralph Whitener

NEWTON, FIRST

Mr. Elam Cooke
Mr. Howard Deal (Deacon)
Mrs. Minnie Dellinger
Mr. Reaves Ervin
Mrs. Webb Lawing

NORTH NEWTON

Mr. Edwin Parkhurst
Mr. Sidney Panther

PENELOPE

Mr. Walter Hester
Mrs. J. M. Lingerfelt
Mr. E. S. Teague
Mrs. Margaret Mitchell
Mrs. Everette Frye
Mr. Clarence McCray

PROVIDENCE

Mr. Colon Brittain
Miss Nan Hudson
Mrs. Kate Whisnant
Mr. Rufus Smith

SANDY RIDGE

Miss Barbara Ellis
Mrs. Hazel Starnes

SPRINGS ROAD

Mr. Johnie Phillips
Mr. Ray Smith
Mr. Phiefer Moses

STARTOWN, FIRST

Mrs. Ollie Schronce
Mrs. Catherine Herman

TEMPLE

Mrs. Mozelle Short
Mr. J. D. Laws
Mr. A. Z. Roach

VIEWMONT

Mr. Nathan Goodnight
Mr. Alfred Deaton
Mrs. Duray Lutz
Mr. Thurman Sheets

WARLICKS

Mr. Werd Early (Deacon)

WEST HICKORY

Mr. Thurston Hollar
Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill
Mr. Thomas A. Winkler
Mrs. W. C. Coffey
Mrs. N. L. Marlow
Mr. S. Plez Herman
Mrs. R. A. Wallace
Mr. Danny Kirby
Mrs. Charles Rikard
Mrs. T. P. Griffin
Mrs. Gordon Elrod

WINKLER'S GROVE

Mr. P. W. Ritchie
Mr. Odell Lail
Mr. Nox Holland
Mrs. Effie Bentley
Mrs. Leeroy Powell
Mrs. Grady Farmer

WOODLAWN

Mrs. Lavola Foster
Mr. Loy Hewitt

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

**FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL,
MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES**

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Alexander, Miss Nancy	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Financial/Music Secy.
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music/Youth
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor/Music
Campbell, Mrs. Nancy	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Child Care Director
Carrington, Mrs. Faye	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Child Care Director
Dameron, Mrs. Janice	Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Deal, Mrs. Marie	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
DeHart, Jrs. H. J., Jr.	440 7 St. Pl. SW, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Duncan, Rev. Phillip	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Hihgland	Music/Outreach
Eggers, Miss Martha	4041 Hwy. 64/70 SW, Hickory	Central	Church Secretary
Evans, Mrs. Harold	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music Secretary
Faulkenbury, Mrs. Joan	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winkler's Grove	Church Secretary
Foard, Mrs. Sandy	201 S. Main, Newton	Calvary	Church Secretary
Fowler, Miss Jo Ann	218 Mt. Olive Rd., Newton	West Hickory	Music
Fox, Mrs. Sylvia	Rt. 3, Box 437, Vale	Corinth	Church Secretary
Hawkins, Rev. Danny	354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Educ./Administration
Herman, Mrs. Margaret	1246 2nd St., NW, Hickory	Viewmont	Financial Secretary
Hoke, Mrs. Debbie	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Child Care Director
Hooks, Mrs. Elsie	130 16th St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Horton, Ms. Nancy	Box 190, Icard	Icard, First	Church Secretary
Houston, Mrs. Everett	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Educ. Secretary
Lackey, Mrs. Jean	40 12th St., NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Child Care Director
Lunsford, Mrs. Dean	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
McDaniel, Mrs. Michael	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
Miller, Mrs. Mickie	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Mitchell, Mrs. Darnell	825 8th St. Dr., SE, Hickory	Temple	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Earl	Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Parker, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 299C, Hickory	Mountain Grove	Church Secretary
Phillips, Mrs. Jill	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Phillips, Rev. Larry	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor/Youth
Rodgers, Kevin	Box 190, Icard	Icard, First	Music/Activities
Scarborough, Rev. Tommy	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Activities
Scronce, Mrs. Connie	Box 273, Newton	East 1st St.	Church Secretary
Smith, Rev. Kay	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Educ./Activities
Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil	Rt. 10, Box 51, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Thomasson, Mrs. Ellen	First Baptist, Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
West, Rev. Douglas	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Educ./Youth
Winkler, Mrs. Jewel	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Wolff, Mrs. Rose	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Hostess

**ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING
MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THE
THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION**

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred (R-Ch.)	Rt. 3, Box 284-A, Vale 28168	Providence
Alley, Gerald (R)	Rt. 1, Box 501A, Conover 28613	Highland
Baker, Dr. Smoot (R)	603 12th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Temple
Beals, Roy (R)	1221 18th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Highland
Bettini, Milton (I)	Rt. 1, Box 785, Claremont 28610	Newton, First
Bolick, Hugh (I)	Rt. 3, Box 101R, Vale 28168	Wayside
Bryant, Wade (I)	Rt. 4, Box 58, Conover 28613	Penelope
Compton, J. D. (R)	1934 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Cothorn, William (I)	Box 1292, Hickory 28601	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I)	Rt. 7, Box 387, Hickory 28601	Warlick's

Denton, H. M. (Ch.)	Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601	Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I)	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Warlick's
Heavner, R. M. (R)	225 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I)	Box 434, Granite Falls, 28630	Hickory, First
Ledford, A. V. (R)	Box 508, Icard 2866	Icard, First
Lowther, Dwight (I)	Rt. 2, Box 395, Claremont 28610	Newton, First
Melvin, Edgar (I)	Rt. 11, Box 392, Hickory 29601	Highland
Penley, Dr. Larry (I)	Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory 28601	Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I)	438 7 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis (R)	2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Robinson, E. C. (I)	Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Simms, Samuel E. (E)	609 5 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. Jr. (I)	Rt. 2, Box 613, Hickory 28601	Highland
Smith, J. Max (I)	Box 96, Hildebran 28637	Icard, First
Starnes, Ted L. (I)	Rt. 6, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Tillman, Phillip (R-Ch.)	495 14 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Walker, Alvin A. (R)	Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658	Newton, First
Young, Albert A. (R)	Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory 28601	Viewmont

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Abernathy, Donald	Box 33, Edneyville 28727	Icard, First
Arndt, David	Rt. 3, Box 662-C, Conover 28613	Sandy Ridge
Berry, Lawrence R.	Catawby 28609	Catawba
Connelly, Harry	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Longview
Cooke, Robert	Box 101, Icard 28666	Icard, First
Curtis, Harry W.	Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	Wayside
Greene, Henry	Rt. 2, Box 142, Claremont 28610	Woodlawn
Lyda, David	Rt. 2, Box 164, Maiden 28650	East st. St.
McDowell, Wayne	1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601	Temple
Phillips, Timothy H.	Rt. 4, Box 225-A, Newton 28658	Startown, First
Teague, Michael	Conover 28613	Woodlawn

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Pack, Michael Cammon	110 30th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Wyatt, Carl W.	832 6th St. NW, Hickory 28601	Highland

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Name	Address	Church
Pennell, Earl	Rt. 1, Box 657-F, Taylorsville 28681	Springs Road

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont	Flynn Home for Alcoholics	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory
Viewmont		
Brian Center		220 13th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory
Viewmont	Pellcare	1125 10 St. Blvd, NW Hickory
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home	Conover
Woodlawn	Hilldale Rest Home	Conover
Woodlawn	Heritage Village	Conover

DIRECTORS OF MEDIA CENTERS

Church	Name	Address
Calvary	Nellie George	Rt. 1, Box 483, Newton
Catawba	Miss Linda White	Box 228, Catawba 28609

Central	Mrs. Becky Eckard	Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Springs 28613
Claremont, First	Miss Tonya Little	Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 26180
Corinth	Mrs. Evelyn Poovey	Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168
East 1st Street	Ms. Lucille Hooks	Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658
East Hickory	Ms. Arlene Parsons	1006 22nd St. NE, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Mrs. Spurgeon Young	196 23rd St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks	2121 25th St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Donna Calloway	Rt. 1, Box 629, Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Mrs. Ruby Swann	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview	Mrs. Robert Pegg	Rt. 10, Box 932, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Robert Davis	110 Meadow Lane, SE 28601
Newton, First	Mrs. Janice Hayer	30 Maple Court, Newton 28658
North Newton	Mrs. Lorene Wilson	Rt. 4, Box 70, Newton 28658
Penelope	Miss Ruth Humphries	525 14th St. SW, Hickory 28601
Providence	Mrs. Shirley Hall	Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601
Startown, First	Mrs. Katherine Davis	Rt. 1, Newton 28658
Viewmont	Mrs. Camille Withers	Rt. 6, Box 567, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	Mrs. Joe Brown	145 34th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Carl Pickel	810 15th St. NW, Conover 28613

ORGANIST OR PIANIST

Church	Name	Address
Brookford	Paul Bolick	153 20th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601
Calvary	Ms. Judy Bost	201 S. Main, Newton 28658
Catawba	Mrs. Ann Payne	Rt. 2, Box 1-A, Catawba 28609
Catawba Valley	Mrs. Larry Drum	Rt. 1, Box 144-A, Catawba 28609
Central	Miss Martha Eggers	4041 Hwy. 64-70 SW, Hickory 28601
Claremont, First	Jonathan Setzer	Box 351, Claremont 28610
Corinth	Ms. Carolyn Walker	Rt. 1, Box 60-W, Newton 28658
East 1st St.	Ms. Beatrice Lyda	212 Davis Avenue, Newton 28658
East Hickory	Mrs. Jean Pittman	1218 4th St. Lane, NE, Hickory 28601
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor	Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658
Hickory, First	Robert H. Tripplett	230 3rd St. NE, Hickory 28601
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton	Box 186, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First (P)	Mrs. Fern Abernethy	Rt. 4, Box 828, Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Ms. Nancy Jacumin	Rt. 1, Box 34D, Connelly Spgs. 28612
Lakeview	Mrs. Howard Barnes	441 28 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601
Longview	Ms. Juanita Newton	305 32nd St. SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Miss Lisa Guthrie	2112 15th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Newton, First	Mrs. James Dellinger	Rt. 7, Box 208, Hickory 28601
North Newton	Mrs. Elizabeth Butler	Box 145, Newton 28658
Oxford (P)	Mrs. Bobby Starnes	Rt. 1, Box 6850A
Penelope	Mrs. Myrtle Weaver	Box 1566, Hickory 28601
Providence	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain	Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Hazel Fulbright	Rt. 1, Box 540-A, Conover 28613
Springs Road	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg	Rt. 2, Box 183-A, Conover 28613
Startown, First	Ms. Linda Wilson	Rt. 1, Box 83, Newton 28658
Sweetwater	Ms. Vanda Buchanan	3910 10 Ave. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601
Temple	Miss Debbie Lawhorne	2643 N. Ashe Ave., Newton 28658
Unity	Mrs. June Marr	Rt. 7, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Mrs. Joyce Drum	Rt. 6, Box 547, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Mrs. Francis Orders	Rt. 1, Valdese 28690
Wayside	Miss Judy Henson	Box 4231, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	Mrs. Dean Woods	626 7 Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory 28601
Winkler's Grove	Ms. Cheryl Leonhardt	151 18th S. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Sybil Stewart	Rt. 1, Box 7-S, Newton 28658

DIRECTORS OF RECREATION

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street	Randy Schronce	Rt. 1, Box 169, Maiden 28650
East Hickory	Tommy Ekard	Rt. 9, Box 445, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Van Pernell	Rt. 5, S. Lake Dr., Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Kevin Rodgers	Box 599, Icard 28666

Penelope	Kay Smith	58 34th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Temple	Ed Yount	1818 1st St. NE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Lewis Withers	Rt. 6, Box 567, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	Robert McGaha	647 7th Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory 28601

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Church	Name	Address
Catawba Valley	Mrs. Wayne Watson	Rt. 1, Maiden 28650
Central	Carroll Eckard	Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Spgs. 28612
Claremont, First	Mrs. Pete Simmons	Box 414, Claremont 28610
East 1st Street	Thad Crump	Rt. 4, 20 Bolick Dr., Newton 28658
East Hickory	Carl Stewart	Box 575, Hickory 28601
Fairbrook	Mrs. Nina Breeson	Rt. 3, Box 237-A, Conover 28613
Hickory, First	Mrs. A. T. Greene	Box 31, Westminster Park, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Melvin Newton	Box 527, Hildebran 28637
Icard, First	Bill Setzer	Rt. 2, Box 955-V, Connelly spgs. 28612
Lakeview	Edwin Reed	Rt. 1, Box 423, Taylorsville 28681
Newton, First	Eugene Punch	Rt. 4, Box 108-1, Newton 28658
North Newton	Joe Honeycutt	526 W. 15th St., NW, Hickory 28601
Penelope	Bill Hasty	122 5th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Boyce Dobbins	rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
Temple	Max Eller	Rt. 3, Box 662, Newton 28658
Viewmont	Howard Pruitt	Rt. 11, Box 793-A, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Robert Ennis	Box 99, Icard 28666

CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street	Ms. Betty Lee	Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton 28658
Hickory, First	Dr. Tom Warren	2210 9th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Murphy Abernethy	Hildebran 28637
Penelope	Mack Barger	Rt. 8, Box 142, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	D. Owen Sigmon	238 10th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory, Mountain Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winkler's Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge; Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold L. Threatt
1975	Mountain Grove; Central	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene
1976	Catawba; Hildebran, First	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Joe Coltrane
1977	Oxford; Startown, First	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	J. Bruce Walker
1978	Icard, First; Viewmont	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	H. Phillip King
1979	Penelope; Sandy Ridge	H. Phillip King	Miss Helen Cater	Ben Hall

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION										YEAR ENDING September 30, 1979 (Month & Day)									
Association																			
State																			
Associational Clerk																			
Address																			
CHURCHES																			
PASTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																			
County																			
Year organized as a church																			
Location																			
Services held twice on Sunday																			
Total Baptisms																			
Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)																			
Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)																			
Present resident members																			
Present nonresident members																			
Grand total present members																			
No members received from non Baptist Churches																			
No members lost to non Baptist Churches																			
Value of pastor's home if owned by the church																			
Value of church property including pastor's home																			
Total church debt at end of this associational year																			

Catawba	1910	3	X		5	7	6	132	-	132	-	1	-	28,500	-
Catawba	1958	5	X		9	15	7	263	21	263	21	2	1	70,000	485,500
Catawba	1875	3	X		-	-	12	148	40	188	-	6	-	40,000	175,000
Catawba	1976	1	X		4	2	-	47	1	48	1	-	-	150,000	73,000
Burke	1961	7	X		6	17	24	417	50	467	1	-	37,000	775,000	299,637
Catawba	1953	3	X		8	2	2	134	39	173	-	-	-	150,000	18,200
Catawba	1840	1	X		14	2	2	307	75	382	-	1	55,000	405,000	100,000
Catawba	1951	4	X		9	10	7	292	60	352	5	-	59,000	386,000	42,000
Catawba	1940	6	X		43	19	18	398	152	550	4	4	25,000	400,000	20,000
Catawba	1956	7	X		2	-	7	109	4	113	-	-	-	65,000	-
Catawba	1954	7	X		8	17	17	215	31	246	3	2	55,000	413,000	52,800
Catawba	1870	5	X		19	74	78	1,232	433	1,665	10	14	136,000	3,925,430	-
Catawba	1912	6	X		26	18	54	1,129	250	1,379	5	19	-	2,000,000	244,000
Burke	1888	4	X		10	8	120	374	76	450	1	11	65,000	920,000	-
Burke	1918	3	X		14	10	17	287	134	421	2	1	50,000	850,000	288,800
Catawba	1969	7	X		1	10	22	329	41	370	1	7	-	278,300	17,709
Catawba	1940	6	X		1	2	6	150	23	173	-	-	18,000	132,000	-
Catawba	1881	7	X		9	8	12	471	37	508	1	4	-	330,000	-
Catawba	1882	4	X		14	40	31	697	164	861	1	4	75,000	1,870,000	10,015
Catawba	1925	4	X		6	10	16	394	64	458	2	6	80,000	532,000	14,599
Catawba	1965	1	X		11	13	9	327	10	337	-	-	-	275,000	108,100
Catawba	1888	6	X		13	26	35	850	288	1,138	2	7	40,000	1,110,000	184,336
Catawba	1878	1	X		1	3	10	156	37	193	-	-	50,000	250,000	12,500
Catawba	1944	7	X		14	14	11	260	308	568	-	1	39,500	700,000	472,000
Catawba	1957	7	X		22	10	17	413	260	673	5	-	80,000	700,000	30,000

TABLE B SUNDAY SCHOOL			YEAR ENDING		September 30,	1979
Association						
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION						
State						
North Carolina						
Associational Sunday School Director						
Rev. Douglas West						
Address	828 9th Ave. N.E.	City	Hickory	State	North Carolina	Zip 28601
CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				
Brookford	Ernest Pope, 1580 S. Center St., Hickory 28601					
Calvary	Mrs. Roberta Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100, Newton 28658					
Catawba	John H. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609					
Catawba Valley	Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650					
Central	B. K. Lail, Jr., Box 82, Hildebran 28637					
Claremont, First	Basil Boggs, Rt. 2, Box 149-B, Claremont 28610					
Corinth	Jackson Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 464, Vale, 28168					
East First St. (N)	Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658					
East Hickory	Richard Robbins, Rt. 6, Box 388, Hickory 28601					
Fairbrook	Hubert Gilleland, 70 Woodridge Circle, Hickory 28601					
Fairgrove	Charles Hobby, Rt. 1, Box 64-AA, Conover 28613					
Hickory, First	Thomas G. Maxwell, Sr., Box 2364, Hickory 28601					
Highland	Wm. T. Martin, Rt. 9, Box 859, Hickory 28601					
Hildebran, First	Hal Dameron, Box 193, Icard 28666					
Icard, First	Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637					
Lakeview	William C. Mansberger, Rt. 11, Box 676, Hickory 28601					
Longview	J. J. Cook, Jr., 2519 13th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601					
Mountain Grove	Martin Frank, Jr., Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory 28601					
Newton, First	Richard Morris, Rt. 1, Box 223, Newton 28658					
North Newton	Graham Dixon, 1809 N. College Ave., Newton 28658					
Oxford	Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681-A, Claremont 28610					
Penelope	Jim Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 663, Connelly Springs 28612					
Providence	David Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 353, Hickory 28601					
Sandy Ridge	Johnny Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 347, Taylorsville 28681					
Springs Road	Oliver Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601					

56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
Cradle Roll enrollment (birth to 2 years)	Preschool enrollment (birth through 5 years)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrollment—Single (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Young Adult enrollment—married (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Adult enrollment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)	Adults away enrollment	Homebound enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study Groups	Bible Study groups enrollment	Total enrolled in Bible Study	Church A B S enrollment	Mission A B S enrollment	Total A B S enrollment
3	3	14	16	-	10	45	-	-	-	2	-	93	58	-	-	93	66	-	66
-	21	37	22	11	-	59	10	-	3	3	-	166	115	1	6	172	91	-	91
-	4	10	6	15	-	24	8	-	-	3	-	70	31	-	-	70	42	-	42
2	8	8	10	9	-	23	-	-	-	2	-	62	39	-	-	62	52	-	52
-	28	45	84	17	19	123	23	-	-	6	-	345	160	-	-	345	89	-	89
1	16	10	28	17	-	21	-	-	-	3	-	96	76	-	-	96	56	-	56
-	25	32	25	16	11	56	53	-	-	5	-	223	152	-	-	223	149	-	149
-	18	26	27	1	16	35	18	-	-	3	-	144	142	-	-	144	127	-	127
1	46	43	48	10	51	90	42	-	-	8	-	339	198	-	-	339	125	25	150
-	14	12	9	7	7	12	2	-	-	4	-	67	40	-	-	67	47	-	47
8	9	15	18	8	18	50	20	2	-	4	-	152	70	-	-	152	88	-	88
-	78	132	125	135	71	418	168	-	28	26	-	1,181	506	1	-	1,181	300	-	300
-	77	133	148	61	103	198	68	-	10	8	-	806	400	-	-	806	139	-	139
-	23	35	26	9	16	75	25	-	7	4	-	220	144	-	-	220	106	-	106
-	34	49	65	18	30	95	29	-	2	5	17	344	209	2	30	374	111	-	111
-	28	42	54	38	28	104	30	-	-	4	-	328	111	-	-	328	60	-	60
-	4	9	10	10	6	32	8	-	-	3	-	82	51	-	-	82	62	-	62
-	32	54	48	14	36	102	29	-	-	4	-	319	188	-	-	319	160	-	160
-	59	71	57	19	27	143	82	-	10	6	-	474	240	-	-	474	105	-	105
-	36	56	39	14	10	74	22	-	11	4	-	266	147	-	-	266	102	-	102
-	43	48	34	9	45	43	12	6	-	5	-	245	160	1	2	247	204	24	228
10	59	127	151	108	39	308	58	35	29	6	-	930	351	-	-	930	235	186	421
-	16	27	15	14	-	19	27	-	-	4	-	122	95	-	-	122	67	-	67
-	29	55	44	6	16	46	32	-	-	5	-	233	166	-	-	233	66	-	66
-	45	99	107	15	20	128	25	-	-	5	-	444	203	-	-	444	136	-	136

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TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING				YEAR ENDING September 30, 1979																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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Association										(Month & Day)													
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																							
State										North Carolina													
Associational Church Training Director										Mrs. Smoot Baker													
Address										603 12th Ave. NE													
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										North Carolina													
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CHURCHES										CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)													
Startown, First										5	5	11	28	-	-	2	-	51	34	-	-	-	
Sweetwater										11	13	22	28	-	-	2	-	76	30	-	-	-	
Temple										4	17	20	50	-	-	3	-	94	42	-	-	-	
Unity										-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Viewmont										-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Warlick's										-	20	15	-	-	-	-	-	35	24	-	-	-	
Wayside										-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
West Hickory										-	7	15	21	-	-	3	-	46	28	1	6	3	
Winkler's Grove										19	43	34	125	-	-	2	-	223	127	-	-	-	
Woodlawn										13	26	14	19	-	-	2	-	74	35	-	-	-	

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC		YEAR ENDING September 30, 1979												
Association		(Month & Day)												
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION														
State														
North Carolina														
Associational Music Director, Rev. Tommy Scarborough														
Address														
3310 Main Ave. NW														
City														
Hickory														
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28601														
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)														
CHURCHES														
Brookford	Miss Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	
		Preschool enrolment (4-5 years)	Children enrolment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensembles enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General music leaders enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Church Music enrolment	Average weekly Church Music attendance	Church Music study group enrolment	
Calvary	Rick Helms, 201 S. Main Ave., Newton 28658	7	12	6	14	-	-	-	3	-	42	35	-	
Catawba	Greg Spencer, 417 Mt. Olive Church Road, Newton 28658	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	4	-	18	9	-	
Catawba Valley	Perry Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Mladen 28650	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	15	-	
Central	Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran 28637	-	-	22	30	-	7	-	5	-	64	46	-	
Claremont, First	(none)	-	-	12	10	-	6	-	4	-	32	27	-	
Corinth	Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601	-	14	-	35	-	-	-	4	-	53	31	-	
East First St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658	5	25	17	29	-	11	-	3	-	90	75	-	
East Hickory	Lloyd Pittman, 1218 4th St. Lane, NE, Hickory 28601	12	16	22	43	-	4	-	3	-	100	78	-	
Fairbrook	L. Gary Toney, 129 31st Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	2	-	12	10	-	
Fairgrove	(none)	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	18	15	-	
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601	22	50	34	70	-	74	6	43	-	299	188	-	
Highland	Phillip Duncan, 1384 19th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	15	55	35	40	28	4	4	3	-	184	105	-	
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601	-	-	9	25	-	-	-	3	-	37	27	-	
Icard, First	Kevin Rodgers, Box 599, Icard 28666	-	24	25	20	-	3	-	5	-	77	50	-	
Lakeview	Louis R. Robinson, 533 18th St. NW, Hickory 28601	-	13	-	18	-	-	-	5	-	36	25	-	
Longview	L. R. Tolbert, 1875 28th St. NE, Hickory 28601	-	4	10	25	-	-	-	4	-	43	30	-	
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601	-	-	3	19	-	-	-	5	-	27	17	-	
Newton, First	James E. Dellinger, Rt. 7, Box 208, Hickory 28601	8	38	20	35	10	5	-	9	-	125	80	-	
North Newton	Harold D. Ellis, Box 43, Newton 28658	15	10	10	35	-	-	10	3	-	83	45	-	
Oxford	Mrs. Helen Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	-	-	12	27	-	-	-	4	-	43	30	-	
Penelope	Tommy Scarborough, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	6	36	47	62	-	2-	10	1	-	182	83	25	
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	3	-	17	14	-	
Sandy Ridge	David Arndt, Rt. 3, Box 662-C, Conover 28613	-	-	23	38	-	-	-	4	-	65	42	-	
Springs Road	Joel Harris, Rt. 3, Fairway Acres, Newton 28658	-	-	4	30	-	-	-	3	-	37	10	-	

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Theron Rankin Baptist Association					(Month & Day)				
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Associational Music Director									
Rev. Tommy Scarborough									
Address									
3310 Main Ave. NW									
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Hickory									
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MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)									
CHURCHES									
Startown, First	Mrs. Delores Huffman, Box 865, Newton 28658	10	12	8	20	-	-	-	-
Sweetwater	Reuben Bruner, 1308 9th Ave. NW, Conover 28613	-	-	10	25	-	-	-	-
Temple	Kenneth Hass, Rt. 2, Box 569-KH, Hickory 28601	-	13	17	25	-	-	-	-
Unity	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-
Viewmont	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 94, Hickory 28601	6	30	30	48	27	25	-	12
Marlick's	Harry Mull, Rt. 4, Box 829, Hickory 28601	11	36	15	20	-	-	-	-
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601	-	6	6	25	-	-	-	-
West Hickory	Miss Jo Ann Fowler, 218 Mt. Olive Road, Newton 28658	-	11	27	37	-	-	-	-
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601	-	10	20	70	-	5	-	-
Woodlawn	(Interim)	10	20	10	30	-	-	-	-

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TABLE F BROTHERHOOD Association		YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1979 (Month & Day)		116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION		State North Carolina		City Hildebran		State North Carolina		Zip 28637		BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)			
Address		Box 195		CHURCHES									
Brookford		(none)											
Calvary		Kenneth Campbell, Box 314, Conover 28613				6		15		4		-	
Catawba		(none)				-		-		-		-	
Catawba Valley		(none)				-		-		-		-	
Central		David Smith, Box 372, Hildebran 28637				5		10		1		-	
Claremont, First		I. L. Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 781-M, Claremont 28610				5		9		3		-	
Corinth		Billy Chapman, Rt. 3, Box 229, Vale 28168				10		7		-		-	
East First St. (N)		Thad Crump, 20 Bollick Dr., Rt. 4, Newton 28658				16		8		6		-	
East Hickory		Paul McGuire, Rt. 2, Box 230, Conover 28613				12		8		3		-	
Fairbrook		Dale Moore, Rt. 3, Box 722, Hickory 28601				4		3		1		-	
Fairgrove		Ray DeHart, Box 192, Conover 28613				4		2		2		-	
Hickory, First		Gerald Young, Rt. 4, Box 346-A, Conover 28613				53		20		5		-	
Highland		Cluade Parrish, Rt. 9, Box 734, Hickory 28601				21		8		-		-	
Hildebran, First		B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637				4		6		4		-	
Icard, First		Ed Watson, Box 231, Icard 28666				15		16		3		-	
Lakeview		(none)				-		-		-		-	
Longview		Paul Tolbert, 717 21st St., SW, Hickory 28601				-		-		-		-	
Mountain Grove		Johnny Mosteller, Rt. 8, Box 600, Hickory 28601				19		6		-		-	
Newton, First		John McGee, 818 W. 6th St. Ext., Newton 28658				7		8		-		-	
North Newton		Ed Blackburn, 222 4th St. NE, Conover 28613				7		8		-		-	
Oxford		Jim Pope, Rt. 4, Box 73, Conover 28613				15		4		3		-	
Penelope		(none)				-		-		-		-	
Providence		(none)				3		10		-		-	
Sandy Ridge		Vernon Houston, Jr., Rt. 6, Box 304, Hickory 28601				20		12		4		-	
Springs Road		Joe Watkins, 1732 29th St. NE, Hickory 28601				9		2		2		-	

TABLE G. TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP										YEAR ENDING 9/30 1979	
Association										(Month & Day)	
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION											
State	North Carolina										
Associational Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome										
Address	345 7th Ave. Pl. NW	City	Hickory	State	North Carolina	Zip	28601				
CHURCHES	TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)										
Brookford	Mrs. Katie Parker, 1728 2nd St. SW, Hickory 28601	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calvary	Ray Summers, 5 S. Harris Ave., Newton 28658	-	20%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catawba	Mrs. Cleo Abernathy, Box 234, Catawba 28609	-	8%	009%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catawba Valley	Mrs. Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central	Carroll Eckard, Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Springs	135	8%	005%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601	58	4%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East First St. (N)	Gene Hass, Box 284, Newton 28658	136	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Hickory	K. N. Houston, Rt. 9, Box 292, Hickory 28601	100	11%	008%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658	20	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairgrove	Charles Shook, 605 8th St. SW, Conover 28613	55	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickory, First	Dewey V. Wright, 316 25th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	250	18%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland	J. C. Mull, 706 12th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	250	20%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hildebran, First	Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637	85	10%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Icard, First	Mrs. Judy Deal, Box 124, Icard 28666	145	8%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakeview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	50	25%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longview	Mrs. Paul Tolbert, 717 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601	50	4%	004%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mountain Grove	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 299-D, Hickory 28601	75	4%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newton, First	Allen Johnson, 1031 E. 23rd St., Newton 28658	88	15%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Newton	Joe Honeycutt, 526 W. 15th St., Newton 28658	95	11%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford	Mrs. James Hall, Rt. 1, Box 597-A, Conover 28613	90	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penelope	Mrs. Edith Triggs, 3564 1st Ave. Cr. NW, Hickory	394	6%	03%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601	-	3%	05%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandy Ridge	David Sain, 140 34th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	78	10%	005%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Springs Road	Betty Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601	100	14%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

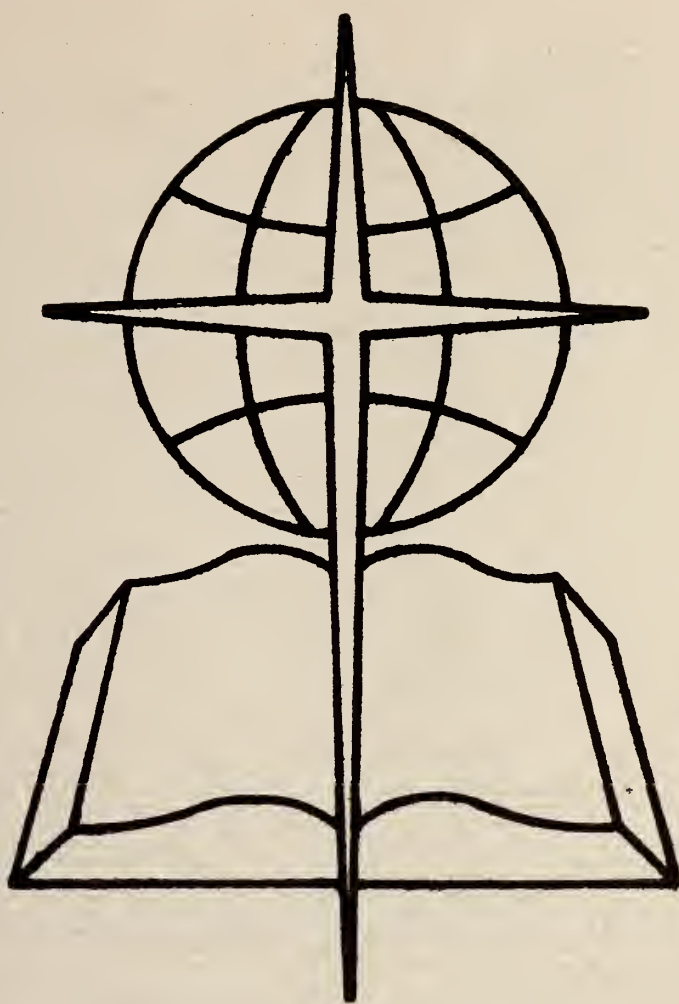
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Association			(Month & Day)																					
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																								
State	North Carolina																							
Director of Associational Missions	Miss Helen Cater																							
Address	354 1st Avenue, NW	City	Hickory	State	North Carolina	Zip	28601																	
CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																							
Startown, First	Mrs. Sybil Hughey, Rt. 4, Box 233, Newton 28658																							
Sweetwater	Mrs. Betty Guins, 1009 22nd St. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601																							
Temple	Mrs. Nancy Franklin, 2230 15th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																							
Unity	Mrs. Shirley Keller, 408 Cardinal Dr., Newton 28658																							
Viewmont	Mrs. Helene Ramsey, 771 23rd Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																							
Warlick's	Mrs. Harry Mull, Rt. 4, Box 829, Hickory 28601																							
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601																							
West Hickory	Miss Judy Barkley, 1505 5th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																							
Winkler's Grove	Cletus Davis, Jr., 1205 14th St. NE, Hickory 28601																							
Woodlawn	Morris Greene, Rt. 2, Box 132, Conover 28613																							

TABLE 1 SPECIAL INFORMATION						YEAR ENDING September 30, 1979	
Association						Month & Day	
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION							
State		North Carolina					
Moderator		Rev. H. Phillip King					
Address		40 12th Street, NW		City Hickory		State North Carolina Zip 28601	
CHURCHES		CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)					
Grookford	Leonard Reinhardt, 2824 13th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601						
Galvary	Bill Styers, 2402 N. Main Ave., Newton 28658						
Catawba	John H. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609						
Catawba Valley	Carroll Lee, Rt. 2, Box 557, Newton 28658						
Central	Harry Evans, Rt. 2, Box 957-K, Connelly Springs 28612						
Claremont, First	Henry Lowrance, Box 194, Conover 28613						
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. 8, Box 559, Hickory 28601						
East First St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658						
East Hickory	Jerry Turner, Rt. 11, Box 233, Hickory 28601						
Fairbrook	Hubert Gilleland, 70 Woodridge Circle, Hickory 28601						
Fairgrove	Lewis Weston, Rt. 2, Box 76, Conover 28613						
Hickory, First	A. Q. Cook, 375 21st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601						
Highland	Trinton Hooks, 2125 25th St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601						
Hildebran, First	Jack Hodges, Rt. 2, Box 933, Connelly Springs 28612						
Icard, First	Bill Setzer, Rt. 2, Box 955-U, Connelly Springs 28612						
Lakeview	Ted Hayes, Rt. 11, Box 724, Hickory 28601						
Longview							
Mountain Grove	Erroll Ward, Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory						
Newton, First	Clyde McGee, 403 N. Spring Ave., Newton 28658						
North Newton	Dale Morrison, 401 Cardinal Dr., Newton 28658						
Oxford	Roger Canipe, Rt. 2, Box 777, Claremont 28610						
Penelope	Ray Deal, 2024 10th St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601						
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601						
Sandy Ridge	Mallon Nichols, Rt. 2, Box 5-A, Taylorsville 28681						
Springs Road	Joe Watkins, 1732 29th St. NE, Hickory 28601						

TABLE I SPECIAL INFORMATION										YEAR ENDING September 30, 1979										Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc.?										Y=Yes N=No																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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1980

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

Held With

WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

October 23, 1980



NEXT ANNUAL SESSION

**The next annual session will be held October 22, 1981
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and on October 23, 1981
with West Hickory Baptist Church**

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Rev. Ben Hall, Moderator	Route 4, Box 376, Hickory	28601
Rev James Hester, Vice-Moderator	Box 317, Hildebran	28637
Miss Helen Cater, Clerk	266-B 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
Frelon W. Broome, Treasurer	345 7th Ave. Pl., NW, Hickory	28601
Mrs. H. F. Wallace, Historian	Route 1, Box 212, Hickory	28601
Donald E. Greene, Parliamentarian	Box 273, Hickory	28601

Miss Helen Cater **266-B 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601**

John F. Hall (1981) Chairman	614 4th Ave. NE, Hickory	28601
Harold Deal (1982)	1690 2nd St. NW, Hickory	28601
Bobby Boyd (1983)	304 7th St. NE, Conover	28613

Douglas West, Sunday School Director	828 9th Ave. NE Hickory 28601
Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director	603 12th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., WMU Director	2713A N. Center St. Hickory 28601
B. J. Abernethy, Brotherhood Director	Box 195, Hildebran 28637
Phillip Duncan, Music Director	1384 19th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601

**Bruce Ogle (1983). . . . General Board, Baptist State Convention,
Hickory**

Bruce Ogle. Council on Christian Higher Education, NC.
Hickory
Dr. Larry Phillips. Task Force of Volunteers, N.C., Hickory
Mrs. Wayne DeHart (1980) Trustee, Gardner-Webb College,
Hickory
William T. Mills (1982) Trustee, Campbell College, Hickory
H. Phillip King (1982) Trustee, Chowan College, Hickory
Jimmy M. Piercy (1983) Trustee, Mars Hill College, Hickory
Mrs. C. Van Teague Ass't Recording Secy, N.C. WMU,
Hickory
Donald E. Greene President, N.C. Baptist Men, Hickory
Mrs. James Hester Area Representative, N.C. Ministers Wives,
Hildebran
Dr. Billy T. Mobley (1981) . Sunday School Board, SBC, Hickory
William T. Mills (1984) Golden Gate Seminary, Hickory
Donald E. Greene (1983) Brotherhood Commission, SBC,
Hickory

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM — Harvey Laughter, Chairman, Box 190, Icard;
Paul Childers, Mrs. Betty Atkinson, Phillip Duncan, James
Russell, H. Phillip King

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Newton; Latt Beshears, Jack Hodges, David O. Byler, James
W. Coble

RESOLUTIONS — Homer F. Greene, Chairman, Rt. 6, Box
1005, Hickory; A. V. Ledford, Mrs. Malcom Ivey, I. D. Phil-
lips, Mrs. Lawrence Gibbs

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS — Dr. Larry Penley, Chairman,
Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory; J. Max Smith, Mrs. Richard Fisher

EXTENSION — Alvin A. Walker, Chairman, Rt. 3, Box 766,
Newton; C. W. Broome, Homer E. Bradey, Joe Watkins, Dan
F. Waters

FINANCE — K. N. Houston, Chairman, Rt. 9, Box 292, Hickory;
Trinton Hooks, Mrs. Louie Baker, Boyce B. Dobbins, Cecil
Mull, Earl Melton, Auditor, Frelon W. Broome, Treasurer

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CHRISTIAN LIFE — Malcom Ivey, Chairman, 721 S. College Ave., Newton; Dr. Alan Sasser, Paul H. Tolbert, Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. James Hester

ORDINATION — William T. Mills, Chairman, 828 9th Avenue, NE, Hickory; Aubrey Folk, Dr. Larry Phillips, Darrell Webb, John F. Deal

PUBLICITY — Miss Martha Eggers, Chairman, Box 175, Hildebran; Graham O. Dixon, Joyce Toney

EVANGELISM — H. Phillip King, Chairman, 40 12th St. NW, Hickory; Dr. Billy T. Mobley, James Russell

ENROLLMENT — V. H. White, Chairman, Box 355, Hickory; plus three associates from each host church

ASSOCIATION OFFICE — James Hester, Chairman, Box 317, Hildebran; Gary A. Whitener, Darrell Saunders, Bobby A. Langston, Mrs. Harold Setzer

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL — Ben Hall, Director, Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory; plus the head of each program organization or their representative

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION — George F. Hemphill, Chairman, Box 365, Hickory; John M. Pollack, Earl Roberts

MINISTRY WITH AGING — R. D. Buie, Chairman, 128 8th Ave., NE, Hickory; Carl W. Wyatt, Mrs. W. R. Robinson, V. H. White, Miss Nancy Hildebran

NOMINATING — (*Sunday School*) Mrs. Larry Penley; (*Church Training*) Mrs. Nancy Allen; (*WMU*) Mrs. C. Van Teague; (*Brotherhood*) Wayne McDowell; (*Music*) Miss Jo Ann Fowler; (*Pastor-Advisor*) Rev. Homer E. Bradey

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY: Wayne McDowell, 1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory
 ANNUITY BOARD, SBC: Albert Young, Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory
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 CHILDREN'S HOMES: Ray Summers, 5 Harris Ave., Newton
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Catawba — Frankie Bumgarner	Box 496, Catawba	28609
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Wayside — Ed Cook.	Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory	28601
West Hickory — James W. Coble	345 17th St. NW, Hickory	28601
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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to the body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from the issue of the Annual.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 3. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (3) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual

meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation; counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal docu-

ments as directed by the association and/or Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship Fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Committee Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations: Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1 of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each

church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting of special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual sessions, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meeting. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of

stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this session of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizen's Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall

register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Associational Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall

submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days notice has been given to each of the member churches.

PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL SESSION

**Thursday Afternoon
Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover
October 23, 1980**

- 1. The Silver Anniversary session began at 4:00 p.m. with David O. Byler leading in singing "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. Sybil Stewart was organist. Tommy Scarborough sang "Satisfied With Jesus." Rev. James Russell led in the worship period referring to our great heritage and reminding us that evangelism and witnessing is our main task.
- 2. Moderator, Rev. H. Phillip King, called the Silver anniversary session to order "for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions." A motion to constitute the session was adopted.
- 3. Rev. W. T. Mills, chairman of the Program committee, presented the order of business as printed and this was adopted as the order of business for the session.

Woodlawn Baptist Church

4:00	Hymn	Mr. Tommy Scarborough, leading
	Special Music.	Mr. Tommy Scarborough
	Worship.	Rev. James Russell
4:20	ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	
	Constitution of Twenty-Fifth Session	
	Adoption of Order of Business	Rev. W. T. Mills
	Welcome	Rev. J. Wayne Levan
	Introduction of New Pastors	
	and Staff Members	Rev. H. Phillip King
	Report of Registration	Mr. V. H. White
4:35	Hymn	Mr. Stephen Foster, Leading
4:40	REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS	
	Executive Committee	Rev. H. Phillip King
	Sunday School	Rev. Douglas West
	Church Training	Mrs. Ara Baker
	Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. Kathryn Greene
	Brotherhood	Mr. B. J. Abernethy

- 5:20 Miscellaneous Business
 5:25 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Malcom Ivey
 Special Music. Mr. Charles Brown
 Annual Sermon (Doctrinal). Dr. Smoot Baker
 Benediction and Blessing. Rev. Harvey Laughter
 6:00 DINNER

THURSDAY EVENING – OCTOBER 23

Woodlawn Baptist Church

- 6:45 Special Music. Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus
 Praise Christ, Alleluia by Butler
 Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord by Moore
 Dr. Phil Perrin, Conducting
 7:00 REPORTS, COMMITTEES, SPECIAL REPORTS,
 MEMORIALS
 Enrollment Mr. V. H. White
 Treasurer. Mr. Frelon W. Broome
 Finance Committee. Mr. William H. Parks
 Membership Committee Rev. Fred Thompson
 Long Range Planning Committee Mr. C. Van Teague
 Extension Committee Rev. Alvin A. Walker
 Place and Preacher Committee Mr. James W. Coble
 Nominating Committee. Rev. Carl W. Wyatt
 Resolutions Committee. Rev. Harvey Laughter
 Memorials Committee Rev. Roy Beals
 Election of Officers
 7:25 Hymn Mr. Charles Brown
 7:35 Presentation of History Rev. Phillip King
 7:50 Special Music. Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus
 Jesus Our Lord, We Adore Thee by James
 I Love Thy Kingdom Lord by Cain
 Dr. Phil Perrin, Conducting
 8:05 Address Dr. Cecil Sherman
 President,
 Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
 Benediction. Rev. Richard Fisher

4. Rev. J. Wayne Levan, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome and gave directions for facilities. Rev. King recognized new pastors and staff (and their wives) as follows: Rev. Dennis Bean,

pastor, Catawba; Rev. J. Wayne Levan, pastor, Woodlawn; Rev. Nick Annas, pastor, Unity; Ed Yount, Education and Youth, Central; Danny Hawkins, Education and Administration, Hickory, First; Andy Oliver, Activities, Hildebran, First; Danny Georges, Education and Youth, Newton, First; Stephen Foster, Music and Youth, North Newton; Woodrow Funderburke, Music and Youth, Springs Road; Randy Hall, Associate Pastor, Viewmont; Dale Watts, Education and Youth, West Hickory. The name of Rev. Carl Wyatt was inadvertently left off the list furnished the moderator. (My apologies, Carl, I thought you'd been here forever! hlc)

5. V. H. White, registrar, reported registration: 141 messengers, 39 visitors, a total of 180 from 32 churches.

6. Stephen Foster led in singing "He Lives." Reports from organizations and agencies were as follows:

7. Executive committee, Rev. King reviewed activities briefly, noting that Helen Cater has served for 19 years as Promotional Secretary.

8. Sunday School, Douglas West, director, told us that Sunday School growth still needs to begin and that we are now basically entering this upward spiral.

9. Church Training, Mrs. Baker told of "M" Night plans and noted that there is a new emphasis in the churches on training.

10. Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. A. T. Greene told of the World Day of Prayer activities planned for us. She stated that the primary aim of WMU is to improve the quality of missions emphasis in our churches. She stressed the importance of enlistment in all age-levels.

11. Brotherhood, B. J. Abernethy reported interest in Brotherhood work is growing. Johnny Childers is now leading the RA program in our association.

12. Music, Tommy Scarborough stated they are striving to assist the churches in improving their music ministry.

13. The following representatives from North Carolina Institutions spoke very briefly on their work, Ralph Cannon, Homes for Aging; Henry Stokes, Wake Forest University and Christian Education; Donna Lail, Children's Homes.

14. During the miscellaneous business period the moderator announced that the "Silver Anniversary History of Theron Rankin Baptist Association" was on sale for \$1.00 per copy.

15. Rev. Malcom Ivey read Scripture from Matthew 16:13-18 and led in prayer. Charles Brown sang "Jesus is Lord." Dr.

Smoot Baker delivered the annual doctrinal sermon using as his subject, "What Is Right With the Church?"

16. Rev. Levan gave directions for serving dinner. Rev. Harvey Laughter led in the blessing. A delicious barbeque dinner was served. Approximately 230 persons were present at this time.

THURSDAY EVENING – OCTOBER 23

17. The Gardner-Webb College Chamber Chorus under the direction of Dr. Phil Perrin, sang "Praise Christ, Alleluia" by Butler and "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of God" by Moore. Rev. King led in prayer.

18. Mr. White reported 161 messengers and 88 visitors registered, a total of 249 from 32 churches.

19. Frelon Broome, Treasurer, reviewed the 1979-80 report calling attention to our overscribing the budget. This report was accepted as information.

20. William H. Parks, chairman of the Finance committee, presented the proposed budget for 1980-81 noting the changes. This budget of \$35,526.00 was adopted unanimously as printed in this issue. A motion for underwriting this budget as recommended by the finance committee was adopted as follows: "that we adopt 1% of offering plate dollar as a goal for each church this year and that we increase this by ¼% each year over the next four years."

21. Rev. Fred Thompson, chairman of the Membership committee, read requests from the Maranatha Church, Hickory and the Trinity Church, Newton-Conover for affiliation with our association. On motion, we voted to accept these two churches under the watchcare of our association for one year.

Mr. Thompson recognized Rev. Ernest Robinson, Interim Pastor and members of the Maranatha Church and Rev. Alvin Walker, Interim Pastor and members of the Trinity Church and welcomed them into our fellowship.

22. C. Van Teague, chairman of the Long Range Planning committee, presented plans for an association self-study survey early in 1981 inviting George Shore, Baptist State Convention, to assist us. (This will require assistance from approximately 30 to 50 people; we hope to have representatives from every church.) A motion was adopted that we do this study. There was no opposition.

23. Rev. Alvin Walker, chairman of Extension committee, reported funds on hand for the November and January lot payments. A survey was conducted in May and reason was found for starting work there and they are working toward this goal. He thanked Danny Waters, Viewmont Church, for directing the survey and the Brookford, Mountain Grove, Startown, First, Fairbrook and Temple Churches for canvassing the fifteen housing developments in the area.

24. James Coble, chairman of the Place and Preacher committee, presented their recommendation which was adopted as follows: First Day, October 22 at Warlick's Church; Second Day, October 23 at West Hickory Church. Rev. Fred Thompson will preach the annual sermon with Rev. William T. Mills as alternate.

25. Rev. Carl Wyatt, chairman of the Nominating committee, presented their recommendations for 1980-81 officers as printed in the Book of Reports. These were elected as printed in this issue.

26. Rev. David O. Byler presented the Resolutions for Rev. Harvey Laughter, chairman of this committee, and they were adopted as printed in this issue.

27. Rev. Roy Beals paid tribute to the spiritual giants of the past in our association and led in a memorial service for the deceased members of our churches during the year.

28. The moderator recognized several Interim and Retired pastors in our midst: Rev. John Pollack, Rev. Parks Harris, Rev. Alvin Walker, Rev. Ernest Robinson, Rev. J. Louis Price, Rev. Albert A. Young.

29. The retiring moderator, Rev. Phillip King, expressed appreciation for allowing him to serve as moderator and recognized his wife, Jane, and their family. A standing vote of appreciation was given him.

30. A motion by Rev. Beals to elect David Byler as moderator was withdrawn at the request of Mr. Byler. On motion by Frelon Broome, to elect Rev. Ben Hall as Moderator was adopted by acclamation. Rev. James Hester was elected Vice-Moderator by acclamation (on motion by J. Perry Abernethy).

31. Charles Brown led in singing "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

32. Moderator King presented the "Silver Anniversary History of Theron Rankin Baptist Association" and recognized the author, Rev. Alvin A. Walker with a gift of appreciation from the association. Rev. Walker expressed thanks to the following for

proofreading the manuscript: Sylvia Ray, Mrs. Clyde (Dot) Smith, Helen Cater and Rev. King.

33. Rev. W. T. Mills introduced the keynote speaker of the session, Dr. Cecil Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, and president of the Baptist State Convention. The Gardner-Webb College Chamber Chorus sang "Jesus Our Lord, We Adore Thee" by James and "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" by Cain. Dr. Sherman spoke on his personal concerns for Southern Baptists. (1) We need to be open . . . each one able to declare what he believes personally, (2) We need to be trusting, (3) We need to be loyal. He stated that we need to get down to the basic mission of the church to reach all people for Christ.

34. Rev. King introduced the newly elected Moderator, Rev. Ben Hall and his wife and the newly elected Vice-Moderator, Rev. James Hester and his wife. He presented the native teakwood gavel, a gift from Mrs. Theron Rankin and made in Hong Kong, to Rev. Hall.

35. Rev. Richard Fisher led in the benediction.

36. The total registration for the sessions was 168 messengers and 91 visitors, a total of 259 persons from 34 churches. The Unity, Wayside, and Winkler's Grove churches were not represented. The weather was cloudy and cold.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Rev. George Huffman (Pastor), Paul L. Bolick, J. R. Holsclaw (1 visitor)

CALVARY (5) Rev. Fred Thompson (Pastor), Ollie Pate, Maude S. Peek, Mrs. Ray Poovey, Elizabeth Setzer

CATAWBA (4) Rev. Dennis Bean (Pastor), Mrs. Newell Eades, Josephine Kale, Linda M. White (4 visitors)

CATAWBA VALLEY (3) Rev. Carl Wyatt (Pastor), Frances K. Bowman, Mrs. Hazel Scronce (1 visitor)

CENTRAL (7) Miss Martha Eggers, Dorothy Hefner, Ernest E. McGalliard, Mrs. Ernest McGalliard, Mrs. Charlotte Waters, Ed Yount

CLAREMONT, FIRST (3) Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor), Nancy Shook, Mrs. Guy Lowman (2 visitors)

CORINTH (6) Mrs. Braskie Brown, Nevert Costner, Mrs. Sharon Martin, Prue Peeler, Velma Stallings, Mrs. Joe Wood (4 visitors)

EAST 1ST STREET (6) Rev. Raymond H. Brown (Pastor)

EAST HICKORY (8) Rev. Paul Childers (Pastor), Bessie Canipe, Lois Canipe, Michael Coffey, Mrs. Joe Franklin, K. N. Houston, Lloyd Pittman, Jean Pittman

FAIRBROOK (3) Rev. Parks Harris (Interim Pastor), Mrs. Alene R. Harris

FAIRGROVE (5) Rev. Richard Fisher (Pastor), Mrs. Vivian Sigmon

HICKORY, FIRST (19) David O. Byler, Mrs. David Byler, Frelon Broome, Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., Donald E. Greene, Danny Hawkins, W. H. (Bill) Parks, Van Teague, Mrs. Van Teague

HIGHLAND (16) Rev. W. T. Mills (Pastor), Rev. Roy Beals, Mrs. Roy Beals, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Trinton Hooks, Mrs. W. T. Mills, Douglas West, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (7) Rev. James Hester (Pastor), Mrs. Howard Abernethy, J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Janice Dameron, Mrs. Kay Harwell, Mrs. Dawn Hester, Irene Yoder (1 visitor)

ICARD, FIRST (6) Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), A. V. Ledford, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Ruby Swann

LAKEVIEW (6) Rev. John Pollack (Interim Pastor), Mrs. Louie Baker, William C. Mansberger, Dot Mansberger

LONGVIEW (4) Rev. Edward B. Smith, Jr. (Pastor), Mrs. Edward B. Smith, Jr., Leonard Tolbert, Mrs. Nelle Tolbert

MOUNTAIN GROVE (7) Rev. Homer E. Bradey (Pastor), Cleo B. Bradey, Phil Duncan, Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mary Huffman, Dr. Larry H. Penley, Mildred Penley, Mrs. W. H. Whitener (2 visitors)

NEWTON, FIRST (10) Rev. Malcom Ivey (Pastor), Jeanie Adams, Mrs. George Fox, Danny Georges, Mrs. Danny Georges, Mrs. Malcom Ivey, Virginia McDaniel, Geraldine F. Propst

NORTH NEWTON (7) Rev. Darrell Saunders (Pastor), Stephen Foster, Mrs. Paul Hewitt, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Jerrel Stewart, Clarence Wilson, Lorene Wilson (1 visitor)

OXFORD (6) Ronald Greer, Ken McCray

PENELOPE (14) Rev. Aubrey Folk (Pastor), Tommy Scarborough, Edith Rhoney

PROVIDENCE (4) Rev. Ben Hall (Pastor), Gladys Cline, Yates Abernethy, Mrs. Ruth Abee (3 visitors)

SANDY RIDGE (8) Rev. Homer F. Greene (Pastor), Floss Barger, Mrs. Floss Barger

SPRINGS ROAD (9) Rev. Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Betty Roark, Joe Watkins, Mrs. Joe Watkins

STARTOWN, FIRST (3) Rev. I. D. Phillips (Pastor), Betty Sigmon, Robert L. Sigmon (2 visitors)

SWEETWATER (3) Rev. Ronald G. Johnson (Pastor), B. A. Cox, Shirley Cox

TEMPLE (7) Rev. J. G. Early (Pastor), Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Smoot Baker, E. G. Buchanan, Velma D. Buchanan, Debbie Lawhorne, Cecil Mull

UNITY (4) None

VIEWMONT (15) Dr. Alan Sasser (Pastor), Charles Brown, Frank Poovey, Rev. Albert A. Young, Mrs. Albert A. Young

WARLICK'S (6) Rev. James D. Russell (Pastor), Mike Crump, Roscoe L. Huffman, Mae Huffman, Dale Russell

WAYSIDE (3) None

WEST HICKORY (12) Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), Judy Barkley, O. A. Buff, Mrs. O. A. Buff, Helen Cater, James Coble, Mrs. James Coble, Mrs. Nova Deal, Jo Ann Fowler, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Mrs. Nihla Truett, Dale Watts, Linda Watts (6 visitors)

WINKLER'S GROVE (11) None

WOODLAWN (7) Rev. J. Wayne Levan (Pastor), R. T. Boatwright, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Bill Burton, Mrs. W. E. Burton, Jr., Mrs. J. Wayne Levan, Mrs. Sybil Stewart (22 visitors)

MARANATHA (Watchcare) 5 visitors as follows: Rev. Ernest C. Robinson (Interim Pastor), Leonard Greenhill, Florence Freeman, Olivia Mosteller, Bobby Stilwell

TRINITY (Watchcare) 7 visitors as follows: Rev. Alvin A. Walker (Interim Pastor), Mrs. James E. Britt, Mrs. W. R. Stevenson, Mary T. Brown, Mrs. Jackie Matson, Raymond Morgan, Bessie Morgan

VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION — 5 plus 26 members Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus

REPORTS

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Wayne McDowell

Through 164 years the American Bible Society has offered the peoples of the world more than 3 billion opportunities to read at least some portion of God's Word, and 1979 brought extremely encouraging increases in the number reached with this Word.

Following are some highlights:

More than 1 million Scriptures reached the people in Uganda;
Angola's distribution increased 490 per cent;
Cameroun increased 211 per cent;
North Africa increased 298 per cent;
Burma, Nepal, Papua, New Guinea and Syria, more than doubled their distribution;
Circulation in Pakistan rose 99.7 per cent;
A 10 per cent increase came in Latin America;
Most significantly, 362,050 Scriptures were circulated in Eastern Europe.

The Society distributed 108,882,672 Scriptures in the United States alone during 1979, including 260,000 portions distributed by the Alabama Baptist Convention; 120,000 portions in English, Spanish and Navajo distributed by the New Mexico Baptist Convention; 40 English/Russian "Sermon on the Mount" selections given to Russian students by the BSU at Georgia Tech; 277,000 Luke-Acts portions prepared for Baptists in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota; the selection entitled "Good News for Mississippi" for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and a Spanish edition of the "Discovery" New Testament for National Student Ministries.

At least one book of the Bible in 27 languages was added in 1979, and New Reader Selections for people with limited reading ability are now published in 228 languages.

Over 35,000 volunteers devoted both time and effort to the Bible cause in 1979, many with Scripture Courtesy Centers in their homes or businesses where ABS Scriptures can be purchased by the general public.

All this was made possible because of gifts from organizations like Southern Baptists, and the Society extends the thanks of millions from around the world who are hearing of Christ's saving power through these Scriptures.

REPORT ON THE ANNUITY BOARD

Albert A. Young

1979 was a year of achievement, ministry and growth in nearly every phase of the work of the Annuity Board, reports Dr. Darold K. Morgan, president.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS: 1979

A 13th check amounting to 10% of a year's benefit was mailed

to most annuitants in December 1979.

A total of \$19,131,539 in retirement benefits was paid.

Insurance benefits through the Board's church, agency and seminary programs amounted to \$13,067,338.

Total assets held in trust at the close of the year equaled \$667,521,987.

This figure represented a growth of \$97,787,516 over 1978's total.

Premium income totaled \$69,548,849, including contributions and relief receipts. A total of \$35,348,300 was designated for the Fixed Fund investment plan, \$2,332,869 was earmarked for the Balanced Fund and \$12,121,729 went into Plan A.

At the close of 1979, the Board counted 22,879 church and agency member accounts on Plan A, 43,927 in Fixed Fund and investment plan, 4,934 in the Balanced Fund and 3,941 in the Variable Fund.

In the Theron Rankin Association 27 churches and 38 staff members are participating in the retirement program. Of this number eleven are still participating on the minimum of \$33.34 a month.

Pastors, staff members, if you are in this program, fine, and if you are not participating up to 10% of your salary, please encourage your church to do so.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

K. N. Houston

The Theron Rankin office took a giant step in this association-al year. It moved from the space in the First Church, Hickory, which has been donating it, for the past 19 years. We acquired an office area of 600 sq. ft. located at 266-B First Avenue, NW, in downtown Hickory. By the help of some area manufacturers we bought at a reduced rate some very attractive furniture and cabinet work for the new location. Looking to the future, all the cabinet work was built as modular units and can be moved to a new location if the need arises. The owner of the building allowed us the use of a large lighted sign on the face of the building which was reworked to show the Southern Baptist Logo and the name of our association. A small sign of similar design was placed in the front window. One of our association members was very generous in making a very nice set of drapes for the glassed front of the office.

REPORT OF AUDITOR
Earl L. Melton, C.P.A.

In accordance with your request, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1980, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Cash In Bank, \$2,572.69: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1980, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Cash in Savings Accounts, \$23,536.71: Cash in Savings Accounts at First Savings and Loan Association of \$23,536.71 on September 30, 1980, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

Income, \$32,578.31: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account. Included in income is \$5,000.00 transferred from savings account.

Expenses, \$30,558.15: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expenses of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis. Disbursements for \$5,029.80 for office equipment and fixtures are included in the total expenses.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate information needed in connection with our examination.

(A complete report of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations, Cash, and Analysis of Cash, made by Mr. Melton is on file in the Association Office, if you desire to see it. The Statement of Operations shows an excess of expenses over Income to be \$2,572.69. — Helen Cater)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Ray Summers

(Report not received)

REPORT ON HOMES FOR THE AGING**Dr. Larry H. Penley**

In the early days of our nation, the first Americans had few senior citizens! Their policy, for the aging, who were unable to travel, was to leave the older person in a cave with a little food and water, and when this was gone, they died. The children who left their parents to die were later left to die by their children in an unending cycle. This was the social and tribal custom of their people.

Today, Christian morality has made a big difference in the care of older people in North Carolina. Baptists, with homes for the aging in five areas of our state, are providing a ministry of dignity and care to a limited number of older persons. Youngest of all our social service ministries, the Baptist Homes have just completed 29 years of service. The Homes, located in Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton, Yanceyville, and Asheville, are overflowing with residents, and the need for additional facilities is great. Approximately 300 persons are being served in our Baptist Homes.

Many needy residents of the Homes cannot pay the full cost of care, and they are dependent on the love gifts from North Carolina Baptists. The vital sources of income for the Homes is through the Cooperative Program and the new North Carolina Missions Offering. Although the gifts from our Baptist churches have fallen behind previous years' gifts, the vital needs of these lovely older people have not diminished. With each passing year the older segment of our North Carolina population increases dramatically. Our older people have been neglected for too long. Baptists have no choice but to expand, and upgrade our facilities to provide the care for those of us who will join the ranks in the near future. Let's leave them more than just a little food and water and no hope.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL**Dr. Tom Warren**

(Report not received)

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

B. J. Abernethy

Thank you for allowing me to serve once again in the Association as your Director.

Many good things have happened to us this year in the Brotherhood, Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassadors.

In February at the Central Training School, Mr. Art Jones led a conference for the Brotherhood. We had good attendance and interest was high. Thanks to the State Brotherhood Department for sending him.

Ridgecrest was a big help again this year, we learned Missions first hand. State leaders along with men from the Southern Baptist Convention led in the Conferences.

At our Key Leadership Conferences at the West Hickory Church in August we were happy to have Mr. Donald Greene, President of the State Baptist Men and the zone leader, Mr. Ed Bean, who challenged us to do greater work in missions.

The slow-pitch soft ball State tournament was held near Ashboro in September. The Hildebran, First Church came in 4th in the two day tournament. Theron Rankin was well represented by these young men. West Hickory, the Champions in the Hickory Church League, was unable to go. They would have been our first choice.

Three new Brotherhoods have been organized this year. Let's keep on growing.

We express our appreciation to J. A. Pate from the Calvary Church in Newton for serving as Royal Ambassador Director for our Association during the past four years. Johnny Childers from the First Church in Hildebran will begin serving this year.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Ben Hall

Central Training School was held February 25-27, 1980, at Viewmont Baptist Church. The theme was "Music and Missions." We had leadership from our State Music Department to lead in Adult Choir training and for Music leadership. A full slate of workers led for the WMU leadership. The Brotherhood also had conferences for workers in the areas of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work. Mr. Robert Trexlar of Gardner-Webb College taught the book, "Biblical Basis of Missions." Along

with the adult classes, there were classes for Youth, Children, and the Preschoolers.

Plans are well underway for our Central Training School for February 9-11, 1981. The emphasis will be on the work of the Sunday School. The new series of Sunday School leadership books will be taught to all age leaders by the staff from the State Sunday School Department in Raleigh. Plans are in the making to have a conference on the Media Centers and also a conference for Sunday School Outreach Leaders.

In our far range planning, we have commitment from the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and State Missions for a World Missions Conference in 1982 which will be February 21-25.

Our enrollment for our 1980 school was 474 representing 29 churches.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Max Padgett

There are seven North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest, and Wingate. As of September, 1979, there was a total of 13,713 full-time students enrolled at these institutions. The budget adopted by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for 1980 included \$4,351,767.00 for the support of these five colleges and two universities.

During the 1979 session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the messengers approved recommendations which provide for an alteration of the relationship between Wake Forest University and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. These changes, which will become effective in January, 1981, affect the election and composition of the board of trustees and the manner in which Cooperative Program funds will be shared with Wake Forest University.

This convention also approved a graduate program in education for Gardner-Webb College. Gardner-Webb accepted their first graduate students during the summer of 1980. To better meet the needs for Christian higher education in this area, Gardner-Webb College has established seven extension centers, including one in Lincolnton and one in Morganton.

North Carolina Baptist Colleges see themselves as a valuable part of Christian missions. They operate out of the conviction

that God's Holy Spirit leads persons in the discovery of truth, that through the Bible, God has given us a sufficient guide for faith and practice, and that man is a sinner by nature who cannot save himself or redeem the world in which he lives.

Baptist young people are sought and welcomed by Baptist colleges. They call upon the churches, through pastors and other leaders, to encourage Baptist youth to apply for admission to Baptist colleges. When they do, a creative blending of Christian education, financial assistance, and spiritual guidance will help to shape them as tomorrow's leaders in the church, community, state, and nation.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

(prepared by Clerk)

Walter Cooley (moved from Association)

During 1980 a number of our churches supported the Catawba County Christian Action League in an effort to defeat the Liquor-by-the-drink referendum in Hickory and Conover. There was a valiant fight but the referendum was lost.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

I. D. Phillips

Scripture: In Second Timothy 2:15 Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (Church Training Scripture for years.)

Southern Baptists have at their disposal some of the best literature that has ever been written. I believe our materials are prepared by those who are committed to the task. Grady Cothen, President of the Sunday School Board, made the statement that our materials were designed to be consistent with with the "Baptist Faith and Message," a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963. The curriculum is based on the Bible and is designed to meet the needs of the people. I feel that the educational objective of the curriculum has helped my church membership become more aware of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The curriculum also penetrates and undergirds the total church program. We are without excuse if we fail to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING**Mrs. Smoot Baker**

Church Training has had an encouraging year in our Association. We rejoice in new units and organizations, both on-going and short-term, in several churches.

Equipping Center Modules provide the answer for many churches. The Associational office has 13 for your examination and study. We trust you will use them. Several items for promoting and improving Church Training Youth work are also there for you to examine and perhaps order for use in equipping your youth for personal growth.

We have a full slate of officers who are ready, willing and able to serve the churches — that is why we exist: to help you. These officers met three times during the year for evaluating and planning, and the following activities were conducted:

“M” Night at Highland in November with 230 attending;

Four Equipping Center Conferences in January, two in Newton and two in Hickory, nine churches and 18 persons present;

All our officers attended the “Enabling Conference” in Morganton in January;

Age-level books on the Doctrine of Missions were taught at the Central Training School in February at Viewmont;

Associational Youth Night at Icard, First, May 3 with 80 present;

Tournament Time, May 14 at Central. Nine boys and girls from Winkler’s Grove participated in the Children’s Bible Drill and were State Winners at the Convention at Hendersonville. Dana Wallace from Brookford represented our Association in the Speakers’ Tournament at this convention;

15 persons from 12 churches attended the Church Training section of the Key Leadership Conference in August;

“How To . . . Sunday Night Seminar” at Springs Road in September was most successful — 64 persons from 15 churches came;

Your Associational Director participated in these opportunities:

“Church Training in the 80’s Seminar,” Nashville in March

Key Leadership training, Ridgecrest in May

Church Training Convention, Hendersonville, in June

Church Training Leadership Week, Ridgecrest, in July

A sequential study on growing disciples has begun with the current issues of all Adult and Youth periodicals. Studying these materials will result in individual growth and the realization of Bold Missions goals.

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TRAIN

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

E. Murray Tate, Jr.

(Report not received)

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

James D. Russell

This is not so much a time to report as a time to exhort! Dr. Cecil Ray, in his paper, "Profile of North Carolina Baptist Churches," pointed out that the rate of growth in North Carolina Baptist churches, over twenty year periods, went from a 130% increase in 1900 to an 8% increase in 1970. At the present, Southern Baptists are the only major protestant denomination that is still growing, and our rate of growth is digressing almost to the turning point. In 1979 fifty of our eighty associations reported increased growth in church membership over 1978. This means that thirty of our eighty associations have reached that turning point. Forty-nine of our eighty associations have reached the turning point in baptisms. Another slant to the problem could be as follows: in 1956, in the Theron Rankin Association, it took sixteen Baptists and \$1,138.00 to lead one person to Christ on our local church field. In 1979 it took forty-six Baptists and \$11,195.00 for each person baptized.

We, of the Evangelism Committee, exhort you, along with ourselves, to boldly involve yourself in these up-coming opportunities:

1. *N.C. Youth Evangelism Conference:* August 28, 1981, Fayetteville; August 29, 1981, Greensboro; August 30, 1981, Asheville.
2. *1981 Association-Wide Lay Evangelism School:* taught by Richard Everett, Sunday Night, April 12 through Wednesday Night, April 15, at the Warlick's Baptist Church;
3. *1982 Simultaneous State-Wide Crusade:* The State Convention will sponsor media coverage that will sweep our

state in conjunction with the local church revivals to be held during the following periods of time:

March 14-28, 1982 Coastal

April 4-18, 1982 Piedmont

April 25-May 9, 1982 Mountain

This will be a joint effort of Black and White Baptists.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. Phillip King

The basic work of the Associational Executive committee consists of three things. First, to receive the reports of organizations and committees with a view toward correlating their work. Second, to act on behalf of the Association between sessions. Third, to make recommendations at the annual session that will be in the best interest of the Association.

Four times a year the Executive committee meets to consider the total work of the Association. An average of 36 persons attended and 3/4 of our churches were represented at least once during the year. One of the four meetings was held at Valley Hills Mall's Mom 'N' Pops as a supper meeting. It proved to be our largest.

The February meeting was highlighted by a historical note — 19 years ago the Association opened its office with Miss Helen Cater as Promotional Secretary. It was stated that the six previous years as secretary at West Hickory Baptist Church, she served as Clerk of the association and secretary of the Central Training School and in conjunction with Rev. Fritz Hemphill, a prime mover in the establishment of Theron Rankin Baptist Association. Also our meeting was attended by a group from Trinity Baptist Church of Newton-Conover which was to be organized in March. They requested assistance and direction in becoming members. The major portion of the meeting also dealt with the action in annual session to move the office to neutral quarters.

May was the accomplishment of that goal. The office at 266-B First Avenue, Northwest, Hickory, was renovated and furnished under the direction of the Office committee, and with the encouragement of the Executive committee.

Worthy of mention is the joint recommendation of the Finance and Executive committees that our churches be encouraged to give 1% of the offering plate dollar and to increase this

by ¼% each year until our goal of 2% is reached. With each church following in that direction our priorities of establishing new churches, ministries and expanded staff personnel will be accomplished.

My personal thanks go to the Associational Leadership that made the privilege of a two year Moderator term most enjoyable.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE
Alvin A. Walker

The Extension Committee arranged for a survey of our mission site area in May with Danny Waters directing. He was assisted by the pastors of Fairbrook, Startown First, Mountain Grove, Brookford, and Temple churches, and census takers from these churches. The results indicate there are 25 families who say they would attend a mission at this place if we put one there. There were eight other families who might be interested. The committee has studied the possibility of getting work started there and are virtually certain that potential plans now under way will firm up very shortly. It is only a matter of time until we will have a nucleus started which will be needed for active work anticipated there by new residents who doubtless will buy, build, and live in this section.

Next year we will finish paying Mr. Yoder for the three acres we bought from him. Payments for the next installment to Mr. Yoder and Mr. James are in sight now. After paying Mr. Yoder there remain five more payments to Mr. James which could be made in less than five years if we continue to give as we have been giving. The Associational Brotherhood of men and boys plan to clear out the undergrowth on these seven acres this fall. A little less than an acre on the fornt of this site was cleared and leveled last spring.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
William H. Parks

	THIS YEAR	1980-81
Brookford	\$ 185.00	\$ 147.00
Calvary	419.00	656.00
Catawba	207.00	265.00
Catawba Valley	143.00	334.00
Central	616.00	1,034.00

	THIS YEAR	1980-81
Claremont, First	\$ 204.00	\$ 275.00
Corinth	381.00	676.00
East First Street	502.00	536.00
East Hickory	602.00	975.00
Fairbrook	159.00	165.00
Fairgrove	324.00	394.00
Hickory, First	4,096.00	5,304.00
Highland	1,825.00	2,617.00
Hildebran, First	820.00	677.00
Icard, First	645.00	1,068.00
Lakeview	564.00	848.00
Longview	201.00	250.00
Mountain Grove	616.00	909.00
Newton, First	870.00	2,172.00
North Newton	586.00	763.00
Oxford	453.00	665.00
Penelope	1,433.00	2,656.00
Providence	246.00	317.00
Sandy Ridge	633.00	988.00
Springs Road	732.00	1,090.00
Startown, First	286.00	439.00
Sweetwater	263.00	370.00
Temple	584.00	957.00
Unity	211.00	462.00
Viewmont	1,634.00	2,246.00
Warlick's	305.00	510.00
Wayside	82.00	113.00
West Hickory	975.00	1,423.00
Winkler's Grove	1,351.00	1,948.00
Woodlawn	870.00	1,277.00
Trinity & Maranatha (to be determined)		
Plus added amount	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Totals	\$29,023.00	<u>\$35,526.00</u>

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Church Training	400.00	400.00
Woman's Missionary Union (and auxiliaries)	500.00	600.00
Brotherhood (and Royal Ambassadors)	150.00	250.00

	THIS YEAR	1980-81
Music.	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Printing and Postage	800.00	800.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	400.00	400.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College.	200.00	200.00
Scholarships (three)	1,050.00	1,050.00
1980 Annuals (Minutes)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Central Training School.	1,200.00	1,200.00
Evangelism	500.00	500.00
Youth Work	200.00	200.00
Salaries	9,450.00	10,000.00
Social Security (association part)	590.00	625.00
Medical/Life/Acc./Disability Insurance (Prom. Secy)	640.00	700.00
Car Allowance (Promotional Secretary)	1,000.00	1,200.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Promotional Secretary)	600.00	600.00
Office Utilities.	500.00	550.00
Office Supplies	800.00	900.00
Audio-Visual Aids	400.00	500.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp .	350.00	350.00
Office Help	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	584.00	703.00
Office Equipment and Maint. .	500.00	1,000.00
Annuity (Promotional Secy) .	1,077.00	1,132.00
Christmas Bonus (Prom. Secy) .	182.00	200.00
World Missions Conference (Escrow)	250.00	250.00
New Office Space (added to 1979-80 budget)	5,000.00	xxxxxxx
Rent (office space)		2,490.00
Silver Anniversary History.		500.00
Future office building		6,526.00
Totals	<u>\$29,023.00</u>	<u>\$35,526.00</u>

The Finance Committee recommends that we adopt 1% of offering plate dollar as a goal for each church this year and that we increase this by ½% each year over the next 4 years.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS**J. Garland Early**

Southern Baptist outreach to the world through the Foreign Mission Board experienced a good year. Some indicators that this denomination is taking Bold Mission Thrust seriously are encouraging.

An event of notable significance in 1979 was the retirement of Baker James Cauthen as executive director. His effective 26-year leadership and dynamic proclaiming of foreign missions has challenged and inspired Southern Baptists.

This year's foreign mission effort was accomplished in the midst of shocking human suffering, devastating inflation, political turmoil, resurgent religions, militant secularism and indescribable moral decay. These create the environment for missions every year. Next year will be no different.

God has set before Southern Baptists an open door. To walk through it with boldness will yield the greatest days yet in missions advance.

The sending out and maintaining of missionaries is primary in Southern Baptist overseas missions through the Foreign Board. Total Foreign Missionaries exceeded the 3,000 level by the end of 1979, made possible by a total of 332 appointments in all categories.

Net missionary personnel gain for 1979 was 102. At the end of the year, the missionary staff totaled 3,008 including 226 missionary associates, 215 journeymen, and 15 special project medical workers. The Bold Mission Thrust objective to increase missionary staff to more than 5,000 by A. D. 2000 remains a challenge. The Board assisted in arrangements for 3,793 persons to participate in volunteer projects overseas in 1979 with 261 teams going overseas. 201 persons went for extended volunteer service, including 57 Mission Service Corps assignments.

Southern Baptists had work in 95 countries and territories by the end of 1979. One new field was entered during the year, Transkei, a new African homeland established from the territory of the Republic of South Africa.

Southern Baptists' 1979 contributions for foreign missions totaled \$74,976,749. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts amounted to \$36,217,473. The 1978 Lottie Moon Christmas offering topped off as of May 31, 1979, at \$35,919,605. The 1980 offering goal is \$45,000,000.

Approximately 50 percent of the SBC Cooperative Program funds is made available annually for foreign missions. Still urgently needed on overseas fields are land, buildings and equipment amounting to several million dollars. As the overall missionary personnel picture begins to express new boldness, the financing for world missions must also show a bold new thrust.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

J. Perry Abernethy

The 24th annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association was held on October 25-26, 1979, with Penelope and Sandy Ridge Churches, with Rev. H. Phillip King, Moderator, presiding. Other officers of the Association present were David O. Byler, Vice-Moderator, Miss Helen Cater, Clerk, Frelon Broome, Treasurer, and V. H. White, Registrar. Rev. Paul Childers led in the devotional period. All reports from committees, organizations and institutions were adopted and all the officers were re-elected to serve another year.

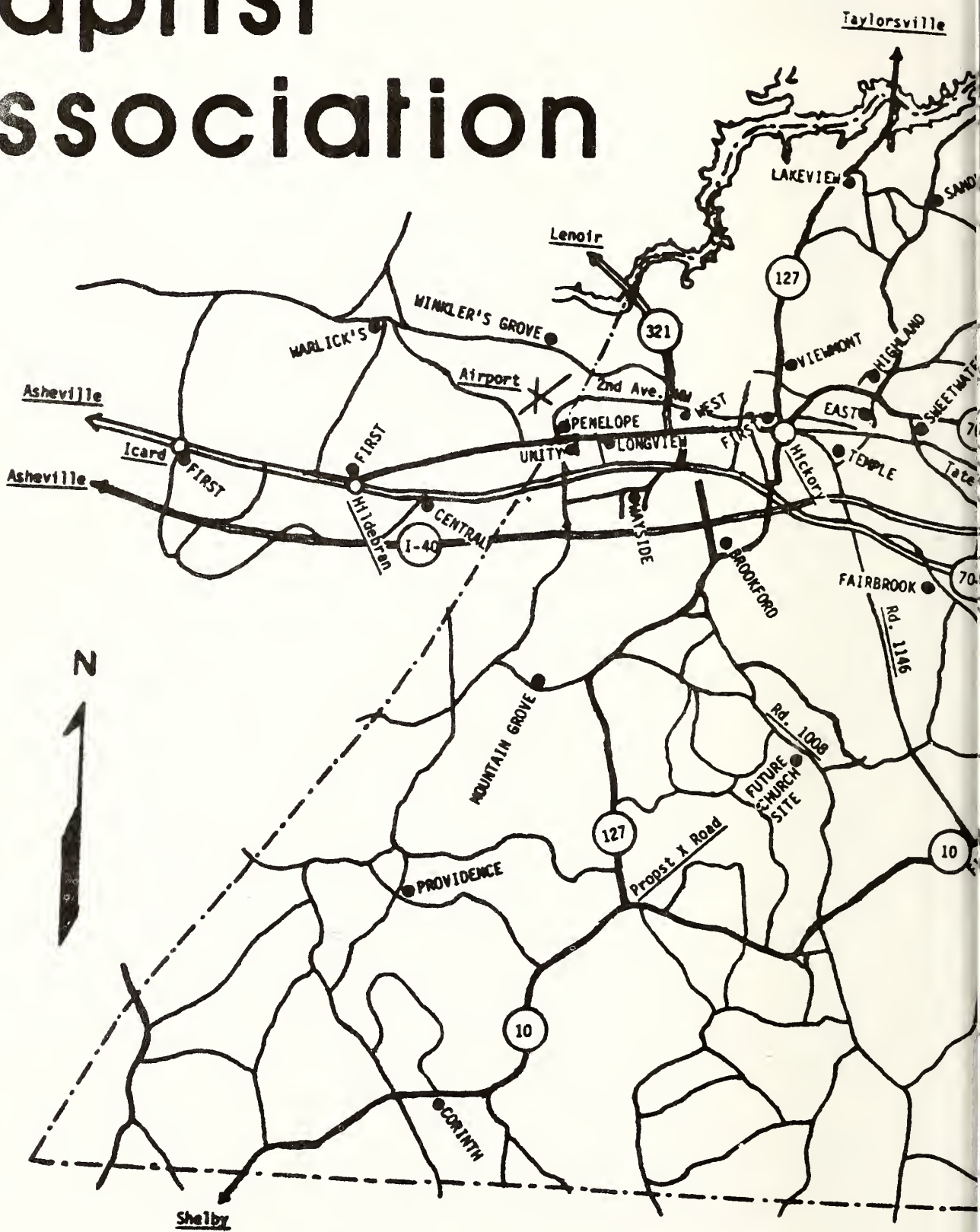
Special music at the first session was by the Penelope Church choirs. The annual sermon was by Rev. Ben Hall. Dinner was served by Penelope Church.

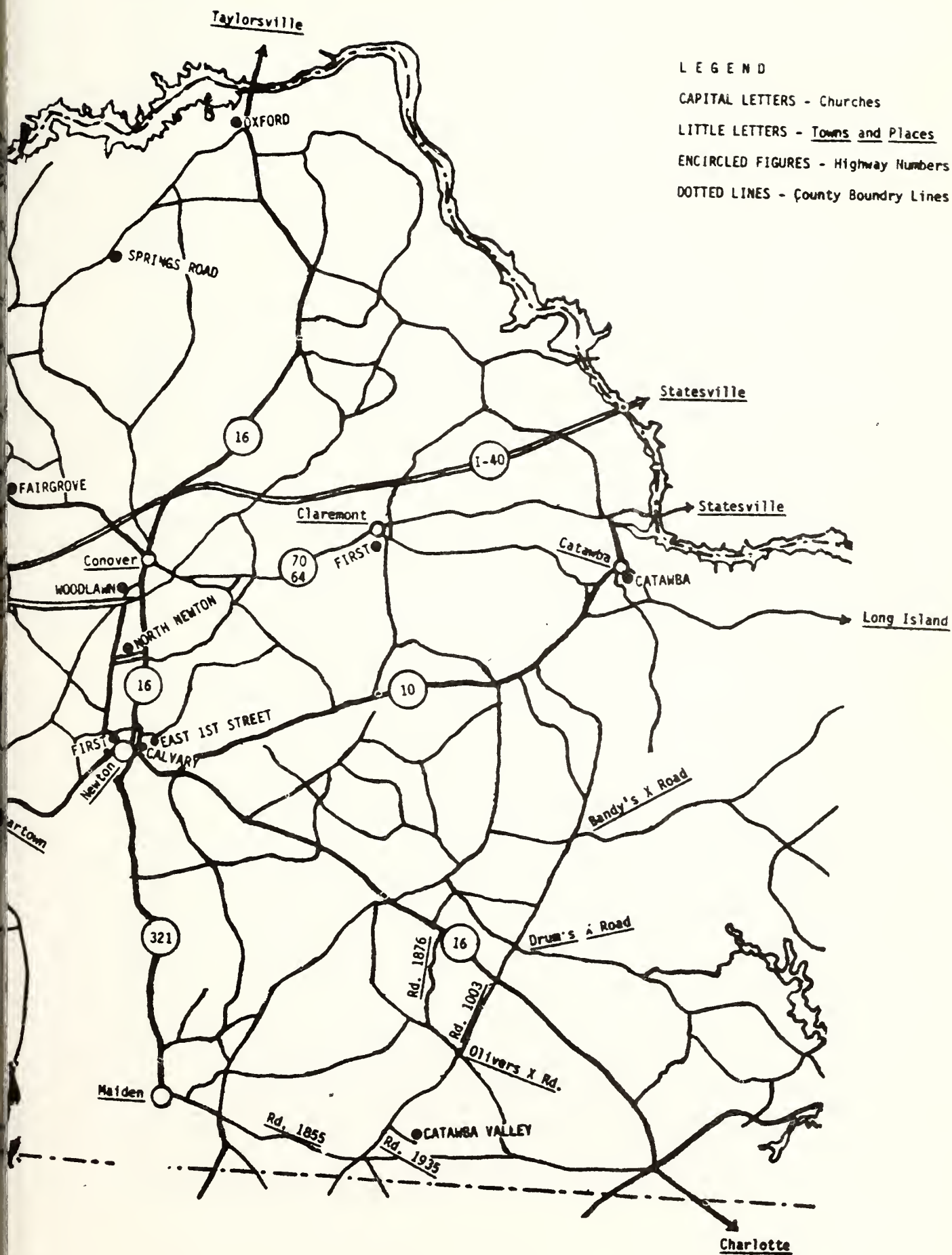
Special music for the evening session was furnished by the choirs of First Church, Hickory. Dr. Alan Sasser led the evening devotional period. Highlight of the evening session was an address by Dr. Grady Cothen, President of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The October 26th session with Sandy Ridge Church was opened with a hymn led by Phillip Duncan and special music by the ministers' chorus and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Rodgers. Rev. James Hester led the morning devotions. The doctrinal sermon was by Dr. Alton McEachern, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro. Miss Nancy Curtis, State WMU Director, gave an address on Life-Changing Life Styles. The association voted to move the office to a neutral location and adopted a budget of \$29,023.00. The next annual session to be held with Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover, on October 23, 1980.

The Church Training "M" Night was at Highland Church, November 26, with 230 attending. Rev. Don Bouldin, pastor, Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, was visiting speaker. The association voted to dedicate the 1979 Annual in the memory of the late Fritz D. Hemphill, first moderator of this association

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and founder of our Central Training School.

The associational Acteens held a Studiact Workshop at Icard, First Church on November 11 and a Foreign Mission Study at Viewmont Church on November 18th. A Church Staff Relations conference was held March 10-12 at First Church, Hickory with Dr. Brooks Faulkner, Supervisor of Career Guidance of the Sunday School Board, leading. The Central Training School was held at Viewmont Church February 25-27 with Rev. Ben Hall director; 474 enrolled from thirty churches, average attendance was 319. West Hickory Church was host to a rally on April 14 in observance of the 150th Anniversary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The WMU annual session was held April 10 with First Church, Hildebran. The Trinity Baptist Church of Newton, with Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Interim Pastor, and the Maranatha Baptist Church on State Road 1144 south of Hickory, with Rev. Ernest Robinson, Interim Pastor, have applied for membership in our association.

Three scholarships, amount \$350.00 each, have been awarded to the following: Tanya Little, First Church, Claremont, attending Gardner-Webb College; Constance Lynn Russell, Highland Church, attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Carolyn Burroughs, West Hickory Church, attending Gardner-Webb College.

An Associational Key Leadership Conference was held at West Hickory Church on August 26. A regional Brotherhood workshop was held at Newton, First Church, September 8, with conferences for pastors and all phases of Brotherhood activities.

A number of personnel changes have occurred in the churches this year. Rev. Charles Lanier resigned as pastor of CATAWBA and he was succeeded by Rev. Dennis Bean. CATAWBA VALLEY called Rev. Carl Wyatt as pastor. Rev. Harold Ellis resigned as Minister of Music/Education at North Newton and they called Stephen Foster from First Church, Washington, N.C. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dellinger are serving as Director of Music and Organist at FIRST, NEWTON.

Robert Cooke, ICARD, FIRST, a recipient of our scholarship to Gardner-Webb, has applied to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray Hodges, Jr., HILDEBRAN, FIRST, are serving as Journeymen in Gaza, under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board.

Danny Hawkins has assumed the position of Associate Minis-

ter, Education and Administration, at FIRST, HICKORY. Andy Oliver, a student at Southeastern Seminary, was called as Director of Activities at FIRST, HILDEBRAN. Mrs. Connie Woodall, financial secretary and Mrs. Frances Fisher, food service administrator, are new staff members at VIEWMONT. Mrs. James Hester, wife of the pastor at FIRST, HILDEBRAN, was elected Western representative at the State Convention Minister's Wives Conference at their meeting in Winston-Salem. VIEWMONT called J. Randy Hall as Associate Pastor. SPRINGS ROAD called Woodrow Funderburke as Minister of Music/Education. Mark Folk, PENELOPE, is serving as a sojourner at the Hope Baptist Mission, New York Metro-Baptist Association, this summer. WOODLWAN has called Rev. J. Wayne Levan as Pastor. FIRST, NEWTON has called Danny Georges as Minister of Youth and Education. CENTRAL has called Ed Yount as their first full-time Minister of Youth/Education and Outreach. FIRST, CLAREMONT called Mrs. Delores Huffman as Minister of Music. Robin Rowe, WEST HICKORY, served the LAKEVIEW CHURCH as Associate Pastor for this summer and will attend Southeastern Seminary this fall. Ken Hass resigned as Director of Music at TEMPLE. Rev. Walter Cooley has resigned as pastor of LAKEVIEW to go as pastor of a church in Jacksonville, Florida. Rev. Jack Warren has resigned as Pastor of FAIRBROOK and Rev. Parks Harris is serving as their Interim Pastor. MOUNTAIN GROVE has called Phillip Duncan as Minister of Music. He formerly served the HIGHLAND CHURCH.

CENTRAL has paved their parking lot. CORINTH dedicated their renovated Sanctuary. FIRST, HICKORY began a ministry to the Deaf and sign language classes. Larry R. Phillips received the Doctor of Ministry degree and Danny Hawkins the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. FIRST, HILDEBRAN organized a Senior Citizens group. LAKEVIEW completed and dedicated an addition to their Sanctuary and erected a Family Life Center. FIRST, NEWTON furnished and dedicated a Missionary home for furloughing Foreign Missionaries. SANDY RIDGE burned one note on a loan for their new sanctuary. WEST HICKORY dedicated new pew cushions and also dedicated their new stereo sound system in honor of Rev. J. Louis Price, a member of 23 years in retirement and former pastor of PENELOPE CHURCH. WOODLWAN dedicated their new sanctuary, Allen organ and grand piano.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. Larry Penley

The largest offering for Home Missions in the World was received last year with total receipts of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering amounting to \$14,171,637. The Board received \$12,500,000 in the Cooperative Program operating budget, plus \$49,644 in the challenge section of the Southern Baptist Convention budget.

On December 31, 1979, there were 233 Mission Service Corps volunteers serving by appointment of the Home Mission Board. The goal is to have 2,500 Mission Service Corps workers assigned within the next few years.

At the end of 1979, the Home Mission Board had 2,922 persons on the Home Mission Board with 103 persons serving on staff at the Home Mission Board office in Atlanta.

The Evangelism Support Department assisted in enlisting, training, and placing 10,000 evangelism volunteers.

In implementing the National Witness Training strategy, 222 trainers from 33 state conventions were trained in two seminars to teach Lay Evangelism School and TELL Witness training throughout the nation.

Assistance was given to nine states in planning simultaneous revivals and 10 seminars on revival preparation was conducted. Assistance was given in 18 area crusades. Five tents for revivals, crusades and church starts were furnished to five states.

Denominational endorsements were granted to 311 chaplains during 1979, for full time and active duty chaplains and 561 part-time and volunteer chaplains.

Counsel was given on church finance to some 1,600 churches and a number of churches were assisted in obtaining local financing.

Assistance was provided for continuing Education for directors of Missions to 10 state conventions and 30 state conventions for training and conferences to develop associational leadership.

During the year a total of 978 church-type missions were started, and 396 new churches constituted. At the end of 1979, there were 2,283 church-type missions in operation, sponsored by 1,548 churches.

These are just some areas of work accomplished by the Home Mission Board. During the last 12 months there has been a lot of productive and challenging activity. The major emphasis in

planning has been to coordinate efforts in development of a mid-range plan (1979-82) planning as a bridge between the long range plan — Target: A.D. 2000.

REPORT OF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

C. Van Teague

The committee met several times during the past year. One of our biggest problems was securing a location for the associational office. The building we wanted finally became available and the office was moved to its present location on First Avenue, NW in May. This was our first major objective.

A survey was made in 1979 among lay leaders and pastors dealing with the needs and programs for the association. At a recent meeting of area associational Moderators and Missions Directors a similar survey sheet was circulated and those present were asked to fill in the answers along with priorities. George Shore of the State Convention staff will be willing to come to the association sometime at a future date and assist in organizing and helping with an association self-study survey. This will involve the participation of quite a few lay people from a number of churches. This we bring to you for your consideration.

Our committee feels that we should move forward with a plan to obtain a Director of Missions within the next few years and the Finance committee is making some steps to gear the churches in our association towards this goal. It is our opinion that this is a vital need in helping all of our churches in their programs of development and ministry. It can be a very vital role in some of our smaller churches.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Fred E. Thompson

The Membership Committee of the Theron Rankin Association has received from the Maranatha Baptist Church, Hickory, and the Trinity Baptist Church, Newton, the following requests:

“Sirs:

We, the members of the church named above, constituted on the date aforementioned and with the assistance of advisory council indicated hereon, do hereby make formal petition for affiliation and fellowship with your body for the purpose of cooperating in the preaching of the gospel at home

and abroad and for the promotion of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ around the world.

Through this request we officially declare as a church our desire to experience meaningful Christian fellowship with the members of other churches affiliated with this association, and to participate with them in their efforts to foster fellowship among the churches, to foster unity in faith and practice, and to give and receive assistance in our common task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ."

Having met with duly chosen representatives from these congregations and having carefully considered their applications for affiliation with this association, the Membership Committee recommends that the Maranatha Baptist Church and the Trinity Baptist Church be received into the fellowship of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, coming under its watchcare for one year.

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Tommy Scarborough

The highlight of our associational music ministry this year was the Central Training School music conference. Training was provided for children's choir leadership, including a lab choir of our children in which teaching procedures was observed. Conferences involved youth in discussing and singing a variety of musical styles appropriate for youth. Basic fundamentals in singing were discussed and demonstrated. Charles Storey with the State Convention led sessions for part-time ministers of music on administering a church music ministry. Charles Gatwood, Music Secretary for North Carolina, led sessions for adults in which the new music periodical, "Glory Songs," was introduced and proper choral techniques were discussed and practiced.

Full-time music directors in our association were encouraged to assist churches assigned to their zones and to enlist a part-time music director to serve as their zone leader. The printed directories placing each church in a zone within the association needs to be updated and better communication and support exemplified among the churches in each zone. Survey forms have been printed and need to be completed by each church and returned to the associational office for better evaluation of the

musical needs within each church. We must continue to encourage each church to utilize the gift of music to its fullest degree in reaching and discipling people of every age and background.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carl W. Wyatt

- Clerk Miss Helen Cater
- Treasurer Frelon W. Broome
- Historian Mrs. H. F. Wallace
- Parliamentarian Donald E. Greene
- Trustees:
 - Term expiring 1981 (Chairman) John F. Hall
 - Term expiring 1982 Harold E. Deal
 - Term expiring 1983 Bobby Boyd
- Sunday School Director Douglas West
- Church Training Director Mrs. Smoot Baker
- Brotherhood Director B. J. Abernethy
- Woman's Missionary Union Director Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.
- Music Director Phillip Duncan

STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1981 PROGRAM Harvey Laughter, Chmn., Paul Childers, Mrs. Betty Atkinson, Phillip Duncan, Host Pastors for the 1981 sessions.
- MEMBERSHIP Fred Thompson, Chmn., Latt Beshears, Jack Hodges, David O. Byler, James W. Coble
- RESOLUTIONS Homer F. Greene, Chmn., A. V. Ledford, Mrs. Malcom Ivey, I. D. Phillips, Mrs. Lawrence Gibbs
- CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS Dr. Larry Penley, Chmn., J. Max Smith, Mrs. Richard Fisher
- EXTENSION Alvin A. Walker, Chmn., C.W. Broome, Homer E. Bradey, Joe Watkins, Dan F. Waters
- FINANCE K. N. Houston, Chmn., Trinton Hooks, Mrs. Louie Baker, Boyce B. Dobbins, Cecil Mull, Earl Melton, Auditor, Frelon W. Broome, Treasurer
- PLACE & PREACHER Garland Early, Chmn., John Quinn, V. C. Martin, Paul L. Bolick, J. Perry Abernethy
- CHRISTIAN LIFE Malcom Ivey, Chmn., Dr. Alan Sasser, Paul H. Tolbert, Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. James Hester

ORDINATION W. T. Mills, Chmn., Aubrey D. Folk, Dr. Larry R. Phillips, Darrell Webb, John F. Deal

PUBLICITY Miss Martha Eggers, Chmn., Graham O. Dixon, Joyce Toney

EVANGELISM H. Phillip King, Chmn., Dr. Billy T. Mobley, James Russell

ENROLLMENT V. H. White, Chmn., plus three associates from each host church

ASSOCIATION OFFICE James Hester, Chmn., Gary A. Whitener, Darrell Saunders, Bobby A. Langston, Mrs. Harold Setzer

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL Ben Hall, Director, plus the head of each program organization or their representatives

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION George F. Hemphill, Chmn., John M. Pollack, Earl Roberts

MINISTRY WITH AGING R. D. Buie, Chmn., Carl W. Wyatt, Mrs. W. R. Robinson, V. H. White, Miss Nancy Hildebran

NOMINATING Representative named by each Program organization; plus Pastor/Advisor appointed by the Moderator

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society	Wayne McDowell
Annuity Board	Albert A. Young
Baptist Hospital	Dr. Tom Warren
Children's Homes	Ray Summers
Christian Education	J. Randy Hall
Christian Literature	Richard Fisher
Homes for Aging	Lloyd Pittman
Foreign Missions	Kay Smith
Home Missions	Mrs. Oliver Roark
State Missions	Mrs. Janice Dameron

REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Dr. Larry R. Phillips

Upon request by their respective churches, the Ordination Committee participated in the examining of the following men:

Paul Kennedy — August 24, 1980, First Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C.

Warren Miller — September 7, 1980, Penelope Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C.

Ed Yount — September 16, 1980, Central Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C.

The Ordination Committee recommended that the respective churches proceed with the individual ordinations to the Gospel Ministry.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

James W. Coble

The Place and Preacher committee recommends that the 26th annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association be held on October 22, 1981, with the Warlick's Baptist Church and on October 23, 1981, with the West Hickory Church

We recommend that Rev. Fred Thompson, pastor of the Calvary Church in Newton, preach the annual sermon with Rev. William T. Mills, pastor of the Highland Church in Hickory, as alternate.

RESOLUTIONS

Could everyone present speak, each would say, "Rejoice, give thanks and sing." Truly God has been good to us in this 25th session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association and through His servants has inspired us to great rejoicing. Our hearts and minds have been filled with spiritual blessings and our physical needs have been more than satisfied.

We, the members of the resolutions committee, speak for all when we express profound gratitude to:

1. Our God for the presence and power of His Holy Spirit and for every manifestation of human love;
2. Rev. Phillip King, for his patient guidance and leadership, and Miss Helen Cater, the Associational Officers, committees, and pastors who so nobly serve the Lord Jesus Christ in Theron Rankin;
3. The program committee, for their wise planning and execution of a program to inspire and challenge us to greater service for the Master;
4. All of those who have participated in the program in any capacity — be it pastors, representatives, musicians, and lay people;
5. The newspapers, radio stations, and other news media for

their generous publicity of our meetings;

6. The group of officers who have dedicated themselves to lead our association during the coming year;

7. The pastor, Rev. Levan, and members involved in cordially receiving and providing for our every need here at Woodlawn Church.

May the ennobling Christian experience of these days create in each of us a stronger desire to give more of ourselves in prayer, study, and ministry and to be good stewards and examples of Christ in our daily living.

Rev. Harvey Laughter, Chairman

Rev. Joe Woods

Mrs. Billy T. Mobley

Cecil Mull

**THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
George F. Hemphill, Chairman**

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in Hickory:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1979. \$18,413.05

Deposits this year:

Memorials: Mrs. N. M. Cater \$164.00

First Church, Hickory — Fred Mull,

endowment \$360.00 524.00

Dividends added this year \$ 1,386.84

Total on deposit on September 30, 1980 \$20,323.89

These funds are divided as follows: at First Savings & Loan As.

1-2½ yr. Savings Certificate @9½% \$ 6,178.59

2 - 90 day notice @5¾% \$ 3,974.04

3 - On demand @5½% \$10,171.26

These funds are designated as follows:

Permanent Principal \$14,612.68

Total dividends accumulated \$ 5,711.21

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Mrs. C. Van Teague

In 1979 North Carolina Baptists proved to themselves that they could do something new and challenging. They combined six special offerings into one, called the North Carolina Missions Offering, and exceeded the goal of \$2,000,000 by over \$131,847.

1980 will be the second year for this offering, and the goal will be \$2,500,000. A special week of prayer for this year's offering is October 5-12.

Distribution of the 1980 offering is: 30% for the Baptist Children's Homes; 27% for State Missions; 15% for North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging; 15% for Baptist Hospital; 5% for Baptist College Scholarships; 5% for WMU special projects; and 3% for North Carolina Baptist Men projects.

Baptists number over one million in North Carolina, with approximately 3,500 churches. We have a special mission to our State, since we are its leading denomination, and need to share responsibility for reaching 1,300,000 people in North Carolina who do not know Jesus Christ.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Douglas West

We have launched into a new decade. Sunday School is formulating plans to grow. It will take every person now involved to make growth a reality. Bible study is taking on new meaning as our convention seeks to provide a broad scope of literature to meet the demands of our age.

Your associational team stands ready to assist our churches to be effective in Bible study and outreach. They were in two of our churches this past year doing age group study.

This year the emphasis in Central Training School will be on Sunday School. State workers will be leading the studies in the new curriculum entitled "Basic Sunday School Work." We will also have a class directed toward outreach. Plan to bring your total Sunday teaching staff to our school February 9-11, 1981.

God has given to the church a great Book. People all across our Association need to understand the truths and directives the Bible teaches. Let's dedicate ourselves to the task of improving Bible study this year.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Frelon W. Broome

	Budget Goal This Year	AMOUNT General Fund	RECEIVED Church Extension
Brookford	\$ 185.00	\$ 147.00	\$ —
Calvary	419.00	420.00*	—
Catawba	207.00	275.00*	—
Catawba Valley	143.00	100.00	—
Central	616.00	450.00	—
Claremont, First	204.00	137.50	—
Corinth	381.00	365.00	—
East First Street	502.00	480.00	—
East Hickory	602.00	840.00*	—
Fairbrook	159.00	159.00*	—
Fairgrove	324.00	212.50	—
Hickory, First	4,096.00	3,750.03	1,500.00
Highland	1,825.00	1,440.00	600.00
Hildebran, First	820.00	1,200.00*	—
Icard, First	645.00	784.00*	100.00
Lakeview	564.00	611.49*	100.00
Longview	201.00	227.97*	102.00
Mountain Grove	616.00	616.00*	650.00
Newton, First	870.00	2,000.00*	650.00
North Newton	586.00	650.00*	400.00
Oxford	453.00	360.00*	360.00
Penelope	1,433.00	1,150.00	—
Providence	246.00	250.00*	—
Sandy Ridge	633.00	633.00*	—
Springs Road	732.00	732.00*	—
Startown, First	286.00	444.00*	—
Sweetwater	263.00	797.75*	—
Temple	584.00	583.96*	—
Unity	211.00	50.00	—
Viewmont	1,634.00	1,300.00	15.00
Warlick's	305.00	1,176.45*	—
Wayside	82.00	15.00	—
West Hickory	975.00	1,425.00	300.00
Winkler's Grove	1,351.00	250.00	—
Woodlawn	870.00	920.00*	—
Individuals			50.00
TOTALS	\$24,023.00	\$24,952.65*	\$5,107.00

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Budget 1979-80	Spec. Rects 1979-80	Expenses 1979-80
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 147.16	\$ 306.68
Church Training	400.00	25.94	320.16
Woman's Miss. Union . . .	500.00	—	500.00
Brotherhood	150.00	—	84.25
Music.	150.00	—	—
Printing & Postage.	800.00	—	714.77
Churches entertaining annual meeting	400.00	—	400.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00	—	200.00
Scholarships (three).	1,050.00	—	713.90
1979 Annuals (Minutes) . .	1,200.00	25.00	713.90
Central Training School. .	1,200.00	379.00	1,089.21
Evangelism	500.00	—	—
Youth Work	200.00	—	6.03
Salaries	9,450.00	—	9,450.00
Social Security (association part)	590.00	—	591.44
Medical/Life/Disability/ Acc. Insurance.	640.00	—	682.73
Car Allowance.	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Promotion Secy)	600.00	—	600.00
Office Utilities.	500.00	—	504.40
Office Supplies	800.00	242.25	1,046.42
Audio-Visual Aids	400.00	—	244.25
South Mountain Baptist Camp.	350.00	—	350.00
Office Help	100.00	—	22.25
Miscellaneous	584.00	272.60	790.12
Office Equipment & Maintenance	500.00	—	452.06
Annuity.	1,077.00	—	1,077.00
Christmas Bonus	182.00	—	182.00
World Missions Conference (Escrow)	250.00	—	250.00
TOTALS	\$24,023.00	\$1,091.95	\$22,627.67

Extra voted for office

space	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,029.80
Office Rent			\$1,245.00
Life Insurance (des.)		\$ 176.71	\$ 298.68
Church Extension (to be transferred)		\$1,357.00	\$ 1,357.00
TOTALS	<u>\$29,023.00</u>	<u>\$7,625.66</u>	<u>\$30,558.15</u>

Summary — October 1, 1979-September 30, 1980

Balance on hand on October 1, 1979	\$ 552.53
Receipts: from the churches	\$24,952.65
Transfer from Central Training	
School (for Leader Lab)	281.05
Church Extension (designated)	1,357.00
Life Insurance (designated)	176.71
Sale of supplies	242.25
Annals (Minutes) (designated)	25.00
Sale of books (Central Training School)	97.95
State Sales Tax refund	152.60
VBS Clinic supper	147.16
Sale of Equipping Center supplies	25.94
Transfer from savings account	5,000.00
Church Staff dinner	<u>120.00</u>
Total receipts during this period	<u>\$32,578.31</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this period	<u>\$33,130.84</u>
Less disbursements (listed above)	<u>\$30,558.15</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1980	<u>\$ 2,572.69</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Balance on deposit (savings accounts)	
on September 30, 1979	\$25,215.21
Escrow deposit from budget for World Missions Conference	250.00
Dividends added during year	<u>\$ 3,071.50</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this year	<u>\$28,536.71</u>
Less amount transferred to checking account	\$ 5,000.00
Balance in Savings accounts on September 30, 1980	<u>\$23,536.71</u>

These funds are as follows:

Savings Certificate at 12% (Matures on
10/19/82). \$21,042.66
Savings account on demand at 5½% . \$ 2,494.05
*Escrow in account (World Missions
Conference). \$ 565.00

(Note: We transferred all accounts to First Savings and Loan Association)

CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNT

Balance on hand on October 1, 1979	\$ 6,869.56	
Receipts: from the churches (see Treasurers report . .	\$ 5,107.00	
Total to be accounted for during this period.	\$11,976.56	
Disbursements: Gerald M. Yoder	\$ 3,246.12	
Norman S. James.	\$ 2,624.00	
Charles Sigmon (clearing lot).	\$ 275.00	\$ 6,145.12
Balance on hand on September 30, 1980		\$ 5,831.44

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

David L. Stewart

This year the Trustees received four applications for Scholarships and awarded three (\$350.00 each) from our budget to: (1) Tayna Dawn Little, Claremont, First Church, nursing, Gardner-Webb College. (2) Constance Dawn Russell, Highland Church, Master Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (3) Carolyn B. Burroughs, West Hickory Church, Religious Education, Gardner-Webb College.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.

1979-80 has been a good year for Woman's Missionary Union of the Theron Rankin Association. The annual associational WMU meeting was held at First Church, Hildebran, in April. Mrs. Sarah Snell, missionary on furlough from Indonesia, was the speaker. Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., was reelected director, and Mrs. Richard Fisher became the new director for Baptist Young Women, along with the reelection of the other age-level directors and officers.

Woman's Missionary Union was a target organization for the Central Training School in February. The State WMU staff and

several approved workers led the age-level leaders in studying their respective manuals.

During the year the associational WMU provided a series of age-level meetings and activities which were well-attended. Baptist Women members attended a prayer retreat in May, planned by Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner, director of Baptist Women, and led by Mrs. Sarah Snell. Acteens members participated in several activities planned by Mrs. Jerry Harris, Acteens director. These included a tenth birthday party for the Acteens organization, a Studycat workshop, a witnessing workshop, and a jamboree. A day camp was planned and directed for Girls in Action members by Mrs. Ben Hall, GA director. The missions emphasis throughout the day was led by Rev. and Mrs. Neal Peyton. Handcraft, music and nature study were also a part of the program.

Mrs. Greene represented the associational WMU at the Key Leadership conference at Ridgecrest in May. Subsequently, she led the WMU during the associational Key Leadership Conference in August. Eight associational WMU leaders participated in the State Planning Conference at Ridgecrest in September. The annual WMU leadership conferences were held on September 18.

Enlistment of women, young women, girls and children remains a priority for Woman's Missionary Union in our churches, as well as quality missions education and participation. The associational WMU seeks to help the churches in these areas.

MINUTES — ASSOCIATION WMU ANNUAL SESSION

The WMU annual session was held April 10, 1980, at the Hildebran, First Baptist Church.

Officers for the new year were installed (as listed in the Association Directory of this issue).

Mrs. Sarah Snell, missionary home on furlough, was our guest speaker for the evening.

Twenty-two churches were represented with 103 people present. All were invited to stay for a time of fellowship after the meeting.

Geneva Reinhardt, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

BROOKFORD

H. F. Wallace

CATAWBA

S. Carl Wike

CENTRAL

Richmond Good

CORINTH

Mrs. Sam Propst

EAST FIRST STREET

Odell Bowman

Mrs. Loyd Smith

Mrs. Kate Benfield

Charles Lyda

EAST HICKORY

Ernest Walker (deacon)

Clifford McGuire

Glenn Seagle

Grover Spencer

Mrs. Clarke Spencer

HICKORY, FIRST

Mrs. D. G. Jarvis

W. C. Cash

Mrs. Irene Speagle

T. W. Keever

Mrs. Clyde Deitz

Mrs. Hattie Branch

Mrs. Siddie Twisdale

Mrs. A. M. Warren

Mrs. R. W. Maynard

C. Glenn Sigmon

Mrs. Nettie Allen

C. S. Whitener

A. C. Bovender, Jr.

J. E. Herndon

Mrs. R. C. Carlton

W. B. Knight (deacon)

HIGHLAND

A. E. Lutz

Mrs. C. O. Killian

Mrs. T. W. Beaman

Mrs. Raymond Johnson

John R. Boyd

Mrs. L. L. Conner

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R. A. Evans

Mrs. Minnie Stilwell

Mrs. A. H. Mosteller

Murphy Lee Abernethy, Jr.

Mrs. Geneva C. Norris

Howard Rhoney (deacon)

LAKEVIEW

Mrs. Estoy Nance

LONGVIEW

Mrs. Maggie Mullins

MOUNTAIN GROVE

Mrs. Will Pitts

NEWTON, FIRST

Mrs. Lillie Johnson

Mrs. Irene Wilson

Mrs. Geneva Norris

NORTH NEWTON

Mrs. Dessie Sigmon
William Jennings White (Deacon)

OXFORD

Mrs. Betty McCall

PENELOPE

Wade Bryant (ordained minister)
Preston Miller
Silas Throneburg
Mrs. R. S. Hufham
Carl B. Bowman
Miss Bertha Teague
Mrs. W. N. Shepherd
John Stamey
Mrs. Ed Abernathy
Everette Carpenter
Lorne Luckadoo

PROVIDENCE

Mrs. Winnie Hudson
Mrs. Laura Sain

SANDY RIDGE

Monroe Isenhour
Mrs. Odis Griffin
Mrs. Myrtle Queen
Mrs. Virginia Stepp
Cecil Boyette

SPRINGS ROAD

Mrs. Eunice Campbell
Mrs. Lucille Phillips
Mrs. Helen Brewer
Ira Pennell
Charlie Wagner

STARTOWN, FIRST

W. R. Crouch

SWEETWATER

Mrs. Roy Dotson

TEMPLE

Glen Land

W. E. Shook

L. B. Bolick

VIEWMONT

Dayton Kern
Clyde Lafone
Guy H. Little
Creed Mitchem
Mrs. Barbara Reep
Charles Smyre
H. O. Whisnance
Mrs. Pauline Yount

WARLICK'S

Grady Reece (deacon)
Mrs. Elizabeth Baily
Mrs. Weyburn Young

WAYSIDE

Mrs. Azalee Phillips

WEST HICKORY

Mrs. Noah Cater
Charlie M. Ward
Mrs. Andrew Rowe
Mrs. E. J. Walters
Walter M. Setzer
Mrs. Brenda Poteat
James C. Compton (deacon)
Jessie McCrain
B. W. Shull
Ivey E. Rozelle
Glen Ray Boyd
Mrs. Harry Mosley

WINKLER'S GROVE

Rob Winkler
Mrs. Minnie Lail
Parker Wilds

WOODLAWN

Robert Ervin (deacon)

MARANATHA

Ricky Hudson

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

**FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS
ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES**

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH	WORK
Alexander, Miss Nancy	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Financial/Music Secy.
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music/Youth
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Pastor/Music
Campbell, Mrs. Nancy	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Child Care Director
Carrington, Mrs. Faye	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Child Care Director
Dameron, Mrs. Janice	Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Deal, Mrs. Marie	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
DeHart, Mrs. H. J., Jr.	440 7th St. Pl. SW, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Duncan, Rev. Phillip	1384 19th Ave. NE, Hickory	Mountain Grove	Music
Eggers, Miss Martha	4041 Hwy 64-70 SW, Hickory	Central	Church Secretary
Faulkenbury, Mrs. Joan	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winklers Grove	Church Secretary
Foard, Mrs. Sandy	201 S. Main Ave., Newton	Calvary	Church Secretary
Foster, Rev. Stephen	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Youth/Act.
Fowler, Miss Jo Ann	218 Mt. Olive Rd., Newton	West Hickory	Music
Funderburke, Woodrow	Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	Springs Road	Music/Youth
Fox, Mrs. Sylvia	Rt. 3, Box 29, Vale	Corinth	Church Secretary
Georges, Danny	% First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Education
Hall, Rev. J. Randy	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Assoc. Pastor/Ed.
Hawkins, Rev. Danny	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Educ/Administration
Hoke, Mrs. Debbie	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Child Care Director
Hooks, Mrs. Elsie	130 16th St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Horton, Ms. Nancy	Box 190, Icard	Icard, First	Church Secretary
Houston, Mrs. Everett	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Educ. Secretary
Lackey, Mrs. Jean	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Child Care Director
Lunsford, Mrs. Dean	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
McDaniel, Mrs. Michael	354 1st Ave. NE, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
Miller, Mrs. Mickie	354 1st Ave. NE, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Mitchell, Mrs. Darnell	825 8th St. Dr. SE, Hickory	Temple	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Earl	Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Oliver, Andy	Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Activities
Parker, Mrs. Ralph, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 299C, Hickory	Mountain Grove	Church Secretary
Parker, Mrs. Rebecca	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Phillips, Mrs. Jill	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Phillips, Dr. Larry	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	East Hickory	Music/Youth
Scarborough, Rev. Tommy	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Youth
Scronce, Mrs. Connie	Box 273, Newton	East 1st St.	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secy
Smith, Rev. Kay	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Educ./Activities
Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil	Rt. 10, Box 51, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Thomasson, Mrs. Ellen	First Baptist, Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Watts, Dale	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Education/Youth
West, Rev. Douglas	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Educ./Youth
Wolff, Mrs. Rose W.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Hostess
Woodall, Mrs. Connie	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Financial/Pastor Secy
Yount, Ed	4041 Hwy 64-70 SW, Hickory	Central	Youth/Activities

**ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES
OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION**

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred (R-Ch.)	Rt. 3, Box 284A, Vale 28168	Providence
Alley, Gerald (R)	Rt. 1, Box 501A, Conover 28613	Highland
Baker, Dr. Smoot (R)	603 12th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Temple

Beals, Roy (R)	1221 18th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Highland
Bettini, Milton (I)	Rt. 1, Box 785, Claremont 28610	Trinity
Compton, J. D. (R)	1934 11th Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Cothern, William (I)	Box 1292, Hickory 28601	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I)	Rt. 7, Box 387, Hickory 28601	Warlick's
Denton, H. M. (Ch.)	Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601	Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I)	Rt. 2, Box 926, Connelly Springs	Warlick's
Harris, Parks (R)	Box 1022, Newton 28658	Fairbrook
Heavner, R. M. (R)	225 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I)	Rt. 4, Box 5, Granite Falls 28630	Hickory, First
Ledford, A. V. (R)	Box 508, Icard 28666	Icard, First
Lowther, Dwight (I)	Rt. 2, Box 295, Claremont 28610	Trinity
Penley, Dr. Larry (I)	Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory 28601	Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I)	438 7th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Price, J. Lewis (R)	2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Robinson, E. C. (I)	Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Simms, Samuel E. (R)	609 5th Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Smith, J. Max (I)	Box 96, Hildebran 28637	Icard, First
Starnes, Ted (I)	Rt. 6, Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Tillman, Phillip (R-Ch.)	495 14th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Walker, Alvin A. (R)	Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658	Trinity
Young, Albert A. (R)	Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory 28601	Viewmont

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Arndt, David	Rt. 3, Box 662-C, Conover 28613	Sandy Ridge
Barger, Harry	Rt. 3, Box 36, Hickory 28601	Temple
Berry, Lawrence R.	Catawba 28609	Catawba
Connelly, Harry	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Longview
Cooke, Robert	Box 101, Icard 28666	Icard, First
Curtis, Harry W.	Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	Wayside
Greene, Henry	Rt. 2, Box 142, Claremont 28610	Woodlawn
McDowell, Wayne	1418 2nd St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601	Temple
Phillips, Timothy H.	Rt. 4, Box 225-A, Newton 28658	Startown, First
Teague, Michael	U. S. Air Force	Woodlawn
Yount, Ed	1818 1st St. NE, Hickory	Central

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Kennedy, Paul S.	520 Rice Circle, Wake Forest 27587	Hickory, First
Miller, Warren	First Baptist Church, King, N. C.	Penelope

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

NAME	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Bortz, Scott	Rt. 9, Box 166, Hickory 28601	Highland
Jordan, Ricky	167 33rd St. NW, Hickory 28601	Penelope
Rowe, Robin	1130 5th St. SE, Hickory 28601	West Hickory

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSIONS SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

CHURCH	MISSION	ADDRESS
Viewmont	Flynn Home for Alcoholics	706 Main Ave. SW, Hickory
Viewmont	Brian Center	220 13th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory
Viewmont	Pellcare	1125 10th St. Blvd, NW, Hickory

Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home	Conover
Woodlawn	Hilldale Rest Home	Conover
Woodlawn	Heritage Village	Conover

DIRECTORS OF MEDIA CENTERS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Calvary	Nellie Scronce	Rt. 1, Box 483, Newton 28658
Catawba	Miss Linda White	Box 228, Catawba 28609
Central	Mrs. Pat Christopher	1540 33rd St. SW, Hickory 28601
Claremont, First	Miss Donna Lowman	General Delivery, Claremont 28610
Corinth	Mrs. Carolyn Walker	Rt. 1, Box 60W, Newton 28658
East 1st Street	Mrs. Lucille Hooks	Rt. 2, Box 138D, Newton 28658
East Hickory	Mrs. Arlene Parsons	1006 22nd St. NE, Hickory 28601
Fairbrook	Hal E. Lail	Box 464, Claremont 28610
Hickory, First	Mrs. Spurgeon Young	196 23rd St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks	2121 2nd St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Donna Calloway	Rt. 1, Box 629, Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Mrs. Ruby Swann	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview	Mrs. Robert Pegg	Rt. 10, Box 932, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Robert Davis	110 Meadow Lane, SE, Hickory 28601
Newton, First	Mrs. Gloria Morris	Rt. 1, Box 223, Newton 28658
North Newton	Mrs. Lorene Wilson	Rt. 4, Box 70, Newton 28658
Penelope	Miss Ruth Humphries	525 14th St. SW, Hickory 28601
Providence	Mrs. Shirley Hall	Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601
Startown, First	Ms. Linda Abernathy	Rt. 4, Box 212, Newton 28658
Temple	Miss Ruth Lawhorne	1643 Ashe Ave., Newton 28658
Viewmont	Mrs. Camille Withers	Rt. 6, Box 567, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	Mrs. Alice Brown	145 34th St. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Carl Pickel	810 15th St. NW, Conover 28613

ORGANIST OR PIANIST

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Brookford	Paul Bolick	153 20th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601
Calvary	Mrs. Judy Bost	201 S. Main Ave., Newton 28658
Catawba	Miss Tina Stewart	Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609
Catawba Valley	Mrs. Judy Drum	Rt. 1, Box 144A, Catawba 28609
Central	Miss Martha Eggers	Box 175, Hildebran 28637
Claremont, First	Mrs. Deloris Huffman	Box 865, Newton 28658
Corinth	Mrs. Peggy Whitener	Box 2833, Hickory 28601
East 1st St.	Mrs. Beatrice Lyda	121 Davis Ave., Newton 28658
East Hickory	Mrs. Mary Ellen Rhoney	1061 14th Ave. Ct. NW, Hickory 28601
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor	Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658
Fairgrove	Mrs. Jay Byles	Rt. 11, Box TP91, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Robert H. Tripplett	230 3rd St. NE, Hickory 28601
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton	Box 186, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Fern Abernethy	Rt. 4, Box 828, Hickory 28601
Icard, First	Mrs. Nancy Jacumin	Rt. 1, Box 34-D, Connelly Springs 28612
Lakeview	Mrs. T. Howard Barnes	441 28th Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601
Longview	Mrs. Jaunita Newton	305 32nd St. SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Shirlie Rogers	Rt. 3, Box 70, Granite Falls 28630
Newton, First	Mrs. Elizabeth Dellinger	Rt. 7, Box 208, Hickory 28601
North Newton	Mrs. Elizabeth Butler	Box 300, Morningside Dr., Newton 28658
Oxford	Margaret Starnes	Rt. 1, Box 685-A, Claremont 28610
Penelope	Mrs. Myrtle Weaver	Box 1566, Hickory 28601
Providence	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain	Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Diane Davis	Rt. 1, Box 540D, Claremont 28610
Springs Road	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg	Rt. 2, Box 183A, Conover 28610
Startown, First	Mrs. Linda Wilson	Rt. 2, Box 83, Newton 28658
Sweetwater	Mrs. Marlene Hanvey	Rt. 3, Box 45, Maiden 28658
Temple	Mrs. Maxine Swanson	Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory 28601
Unity	Mrs. June Marr	Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory 28601

Viewmont
 Warlick's
 Wayside
 West Hickory
 Winkler's Grove
 Woodlawn
 Maranatha
 Trinity

Mrs. Joyce Drum
 Mrs. Mildred Wycoff
 Mrs. Judy Mull
 Mrs. Dean Woods
 Cheryl Leonhardt
 Mrs. David L. Stewart
 Miss Pam Craig
 Mrs. Brenda Powell

Rt. 6, Box 547, Hickory 28601
 Box 377, Hildebran 28637
 Box 4231, Hickory 28601
 626 7th Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 2, Box 956K, Connelly Springs
 Rt. 1, Box 7-S, Newton 28658
 Box 4102, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 9, Box 544, Hickory 28601

DIRECTORS OF RECREATION

CHURCH

NAME

ADDRESS

Central
 East 1st St.
 East Hickory
 Hickory, First
 Hildebran, First
 North Newton
 Penelope
 Viewmont
 West Hickory

Ed Yount
 Randy Scronce
 Tommy Ekard
 Danny Thompson
 Andy Oliver
 Stephen Foster
 Kay Smith
 Bob Hibbitts
 Robert McGaha

1818 1st St. NE, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 1, Box 169, Maiden 28650
 Rt. 9, Box 445, Hickory 28601
 1915 10th St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
 Box 317, Hildebran 28637
 605 S. Cedar Ave., Newton 28658
 58 34th St. NW, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 6, Box 814A, Hickory 28601
 647 7th Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory 28601

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

CHURCH

NAME

ADDRESS

Calvary
 Catawba Valley
 Central
 Claremont, First
 East 1st St.
 East Hickory
 Fairbrook
 Hickory, First
 Hildebran, First
 Lakeview
 Mountain Grove
 Newton, First
 North Newton
 Penelope
 Temple
 Viewmont
 West Hickory

Bill Styers
 Shelba Watson
 Carroll Eckard
 Mrs. I. L. Mitchell
 Thad Crump
 Rick Wallace
 Horace Lail
 Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.
 J. P. Abernethy
 Louie Baker
 Phillip Buckner
 Eugene Punch
 Joe Honeycutt
 Bill Hasty
 Max Eller
 Bob Dunton
 Robert Rhoney

2402 N. Main Ave., Newton 28658
 Rt. 1, Maiden 28650
 Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Springs
 Rt. 1, Box 781, Claremont 28610
 Rt. 4, 20 Bolick Dr., Newton 28658
 1316 16th St. NE, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 11, Box 76, Hickory 28601
 2713A N. Center St., Hickory 28601
 Box 403, Hildebran 28637
 Box 1304, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 8, Box 560, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 4, Box 108-1, Newton 28658
 526 W. 15th St., Newton 28658
 122 5th St. NW, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 3, Box 662, Newton 28658
 Rt. 2, Box 238, Conover 28613
 Rt. 7, Box 511-D, Hickory 28601

CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

CHURCH

NAME

ADDRESS

East 1st St.
 Hickory, First
 Penelope

Betty Lee
 Allen Bolick
 Mrs. Pansy Mise

Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton 28658
 1526 8th St. NW, Hickory 28601
 Rt. 4, Box 142, Hickory 28601

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory, Mountain Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard, North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winkler's Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge; Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold L. Threatt
1975	Mountain Grove; Central	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene
1976	Catawba; Hildebran, First	Homer E. Bradey	Miss Helen Cater	Joe Coltrane
1977	Oxford; Startown, First	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	J. Bruce Walker
1978	Icard, First; Viewmont	J. Bruce Walker	Miss Helen Cater	H. Phillip King
1979	Penelope; Sandy Ridge	H. Phillip King	Miss Helen Cater	Ben Hall
1980	Woodlawn	H. Phillip King	Miss Helen Cater	Smoot Baker

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TABLE B SUNDAY SCHOOL			YEAR ENDING _____ Sept. 30, 1980		(Month & Day)		Cradle Roll enrollment (Birth to 2 years)	Preschool enrollment (Birth through 5 years)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Young Adult enrollment—Single (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Young Adult enrollment—married (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Adult enrollment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over)	Adults Away enrollment	Homebound enrollment	General officers enrollment	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Numbers of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrollment	Total enrolled in Bible Study	Church V. B. S. enrollment	Mission V. B. S. enrollment	Total V. B. S. enrollment	
Association			THERON RNAKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																								
State			North Carolina																								
Associational Sunday School Director			Rev. Douglas West																								
Address			City	State	Zip	I. C.																					
828 9th Ave. NE			Hickory		28601																						
CHURCHES			SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																								
Brookford			Johnny Secrest, Rt. 1, Hickory 28601																								
Calvary			Mrs. Roberta Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100-J, Newton 28658																								
Catawba			John H. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609																								
Catawba Valley			Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650																								
Central			B. K. Lail, Jr., Box 82, Hildebran 28637																								
Claremont, First			Henry Lowrance, Rt. 1, Claremont 28610																								
Corinth			Jack Crawley, Rt. 3, Box 464, Vale 28168																								
East First St.			Calvin Proctor, Random Hills, Conover 28613																								
East Hickory			Richard Robbins, Rt. 6, Box 388, Hickory 28601																								
Fairbrook			Dale Moore, Rt. 3, Box 722, Newton 28658																								
Fairgrove			Charles Hobby, Rt. 1, Box 64-AA, Conover 28613																								
Hickory, First			Tom G. Maxwell, Box 2364, Hickory 28601																								
Highland			William T. Martin, Rt. 9, Box 859, Hickory 28601																								
Hildebran, First			Hal Dameron, Box 193, Icard 28666																								
Icard, First			J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637																								
Lakeview			Gary Teague, 2239 16th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																								
Longview			Paul Tolbert, 717 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601																								
Mountain Grove			Ralph Parker, Jr., Rt.1, Box 299-D, Hickory 28601																								
Newton, First			Richard Morris, Rt. 1, Box 223, Newton 28658																								
North Newton			Graham Dixon, 1809 N: College Ave., Newton 28658																								
Oxford			Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681-A, Claremont 28610																								
Penelope			Jim Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 663, Connelly Spgs. 28612																								
Providence			Darwin Punch, Rt. 3, Box 294-A, Vale 28168																								
Sandy Ridge			Johnny Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 347, Taylorsville 28681																								
Springs Road			Jack Huffman,Jr.,Rt. 1, Box 21-1 Conover 28613																								

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING Association				YEAR ENDING		Sept. 30, 1980		(Month & Day)									
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																	
North Carolina																	
Associational Church Training Director Mrs. Smoot Baker																	
Address		City		State		N. C.		Zip		28601							
CHURCHES		CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
Brookford		Paul Pope, 1633 S. Center, St. Hickory	28601														
Calvary		(none)															
Catawba		Mrs. Lena Eades, Box 144, Catawba	28609														
Catawba Valley		Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden	28650														
Central		Ernest McCalliard, Rt. 2, Box 899, Connelly Springs,	28612														
Claremont, First		Benny Lytton, Rt. 2, Box 5, Claremont	28610														
Corinth		Mrs. Patricia Davis, Rt. 3, Boc 398, Vale	28168														
East First St.		Larry Travis, 19 W. Davis Ave., Newton	28658														
East Hickory		Sam Hoyle, 1065 16th St. SE, Hickory	28601														
Fairbrook		(to be named)															
Fairgrove		(to be named)															
Hickory, First		William L. Hyland, Rt. 6, Box 1081, Hickory	28601														
Highland		A. W. Phillips, Rt. 3, Box 546, Newton	28658														
Hildebran, First		(to be named)															
Icard, First		Barbara Lail, Rt. 3, Box 136-A, Connelly Springs	28612														
Lakeview		(none)															
Longview		(to be named)															
Mountain Grove		Ralph Parker, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 299D, Hickory	28601														
Newton, First		Mrs. Jeanie Adams, 806 6th Ave. SW, Conover	28613														
North Newton		Jones Sheets, 306 Thomas Drive, Newton	28658														
Oxford		Bob Starnes, Rt. 1, Box 685, Claremont	28610														
Penelope		Kay Smith, 58 34th St. NW, Hickory	28601														
Providence		Mrs. Darnell Signon, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory	28601														
Sandy Ridge		Lawrence Brown, Rt. 2, Hickory	28601														
Springs Road		Jack Huffman, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 21-1, Conover	28613														

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Association																		
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Address			City		State		Zip											
CHURCHES			MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)															
Startown, First			Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton 28658															
Sweetwater			Steve Porch, 11 Forest Ave., Granite Falls 28630															
Temple			(none)															
Unity			Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601															
Viewmont			Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 94, Hickory 28601															
Warlick's			Harry Mull, Rt. 4, Box 829, Hickory 28601															
Wayside			Mrs. Edith Cook, Box 796, Hickory 28601															
West Hickory			Miss Jo Ann Fowler, Rt. 1, Box 548, Hickory 28601															
Winkler's Grove			(none)															
Woodlawn			(none)															
Maranatha (Watchcare)			Garry Stafford, Box 480, Icard 28666															
Trinity (Watchcare)			Steve Kirby, Rt. 2, Box 60-B, Claremont 28610															

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION				YEAR ENDING		Sept. 30, 1980																		
Association				THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION				(Month & Day)																
State				North Carolina																				
Associational WMU Director				Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.																				
Address		Box 32, Westminister Park		City		State		N. C.		Zip		28601												
CHURCHES				WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																				
Brookford				(none)																				
Calvary				Mrs. Maude Peek, Rt. 1, Box 483, Newton 28658																				
Catawba				Miss Mae Danner, Box 443, Catawba 28609																				
Catawba Valley				Mrs. Joy Wyatt, Rt. 2, Box 557, Newton 28658																				
Central				Mrs. Norma Chine, Rt. 1, Box 19½, Connelly Springs 28612																				
Claremont, First				Mrs. Guy Lowman, Rt. 2, Box 18-B, Claremont 28610																				
Corinth				Mrs. Irene Martin, Rt. 3, Box 346, Vale 28168																				
East First St.				Geneva Shepherd, County Home Rd., Conover 28613																				
East Hickory				Mrs. Vivian Deal, 1047 19th St. NE, Hickory 28601																				
Fairbrook				Mrs. Ruth E. Lail, Box 464, Claremont 28610																				
Fairgrove				Mrs. A. C. Sigmon, Rt. 2, Box 163, Conover 28613																				
Hickory, First				Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr., 2713A N. Center St., Hickory 28601																				
Highland				Mrs. Mitchell Hilton, 345 29th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																				
Hildebran, First				Mrs. Dawn Hester, Box 317, Hildebran 28637																				
Icard, First				Mrs. Wanda Daughtery, Box 33, Icard 28666																				
Lakeview				Mrs. Louie Baker, Box 1304, Hickory 28601																				
Longview				Mrs. Joyce Reese, Rt. 2, Box 956-E, Connelly Springs 28612																				
Mountain Grove				Mrs. Edmund, Rt. 8, Box 172, Hickory 28601																				
Newton, First				Mrs. Elizabeth Goodin, Rt. 2, Box 284, Newton 28658																				
North Newton				Mrs. Girtha Saunders, 804 E. 23rd St., Newton 28658																				
Oxford				Mrs. Bonnie Pope, Rt. 4, Box 246, Conover 28613																				
Penelope				Mrs. Ed Rodgers, 69 Woodridge Circle, Hickory 28601																				
Providence				Mrs. Frances Abernethy, Rt. 3, Box 394, Vale 28168																				
Sandy Ridge				Mrs. Betty Atkinson, 2530 17th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																				
Springs Road				Mrs. Betty Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601																				

Number of Organizations										Enrollment															
99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113											
Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)				Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)		Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)		Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)		Baptist Women (30 and over)		Missions(s) of Church		Total enrolling											
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TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION				YEAR ENDING		Sept. 30, 1980					
Association				THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION							
State				North Carolina							
Associational WMU Director				Mrs. A. T. Greene, Jr.							
Address				Box 32, Westminister Park		Hickory					
				City		State					
				N. C.		Zip					
				28601							
CHURCHES				WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)							
Startown, First				Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton 28658							
Sweetwater				Mrs. Marlene Harvey, Rt. 3, Box 45, Maiden 28650							
Temple				Mrs. Nancy Franklin, 2230 15th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601							
Unity				Mrs. Regina Johnson, Box 318, Rhodhiss 28667							
Viewmont				Mrs. Nova Jean Miller, Rt. 6, Box 812-A, Hickory 28601							
Warlick's				Mrs. Judy Fulbright, Rt. 2, Box 365-B, Connelly Springs 28612							
Wayside				(none)							
West Hickory				Mrs. Alice Brown, 145 34th St. NW, Hickory 28601							
Winkler's Grove				(to be named)							
Woodlawn				Mrs. Barbara Turner, Rt. 3, Box 823, Conover 28613							
Maranatha (Watchcare)				(none)							
Trinity (Watchcare)				Mrs. Jackie Matson, 1434 Brentwood Dr., Newton 28658							

LE G. TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP		YEAR ENDING 9/30, 1980		21	22	23	27 a				27 b	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	
Association		(Month & Day)																				
State																						
Associational Treasurer																						
345 7th Ave. Pl. NW		City Hickory		State N. C.		Zip 28601		TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				CHURCHES										
Brookford	Mrs. Katie Parker, 1728 2nd St. SW, Hickory 28601	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 26,771.	-	26,771.	-	14,230.	-	-	4,123.	12,824	31,177.	
Calvary	Kenneth Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100, Newton 28658	-	25%	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,123.	1,122.	80,245.	-	25,961.	-	6,153.	4,487.	11,331	47,932.	
Catawba	Mrs. Cleo Abernathy, Box 234, Catawba 28609	21	10%	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,485.	-	31,485.	-	11,874.	-	-	1,222.	8,110	21,206.	
Catawba Valley	Shelba Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden, 28650	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,115.	-	37,115.	-	13,815.	-	9,414.	980	11,606	35,815.	
Central	Carroll Eckard, Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Springs	150	8%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,653.	436.	141,089.	-	31,086.	6,493.	38,365.	4,668.	27,247	107,859.	
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,307.	1,589.	33,896.	-	11,669.	-	12,539.	1,005.	7,920	33,133	
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601	67	4 1/2%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,785.	-	70,785.	-	27,258.	-	17,366.	3,117.	22,315	70,056.	
East First St.	Gene Hass, Box 284, Newton 28658	120	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,742.	45,669.	106,411.	-	16,860.	-	6,086.	1,816.	63,364	88,126.	
East Hickory	K. N. Houston, Rt. 9, Box 292, Hickory 28601	150	11%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,436.	49.	131,485.	30,000.	48,434.	33,620.	23,286.	3,891.	26,515	135,746.	
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 518, Newton 28658	20	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,079.	67.	14,146.	-	8,904.	-	-	810.	2,136	11,850.	
Fairgrove	Charles Shook, 605 8th St. SW, Conover 28613	56	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,974.	1,313.	41,287.	19,132.	13,834.	20,075.	10,963.	1,457.	8,788	55,117.	
Hickory, First	Alan Breazeale, 306 Riverview Dr., Hickory 28601	185	18%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	608,080.	144,221.	752,301.	13,930.	177,438.	-	201.	8,977.	496,021	682,637.	
Highland		200	20%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	282,171.	-	282,171.	-	73,667.	-	40,759.	9,400.	144,223	268,049.	
Hildebran, First	Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637	85	8%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	81,691.	441.	82,132.	-	33,669.	5,760.	-	3,141.	21,470	64,040.	
Icard, First	Judy Deal, Box 124, Icard 28666	75	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,943.	16,000.	104,943.	-	38,110.	-	26,520.	2,076.	18,388	85,094.	
Lakeview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	50	25%	1 1/2%	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,582.	-	87,582.	143,850.	37,443.	259,000.	5,822.	2,426.	15,110	319,801.	
Longview	Oileen Tolbert, 717 21st St. SW, Hickory 28601	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,228.	-	30,228.	-	10,105.	3,259.	-	906.	6,795	21,065.	
Mountain Grove	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 1, Box 299-D, Hickory 28601	75	8%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133,226.	-	133,226.	-	37,270.	-	-	3,584.	78,061	118,905.	
Newton, First	Allen Johnson, 1031 E. 23rd St, Newton 28658	88	10%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,162.	11,977.	141,139.	-	41,932.	-	1,773	5,109.	33,907	82,721.	
North Newton	Joe Honeycutt, 526 W. 15th St., Newton 28658	95	11%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,399.	2,088.	93,487.	-	35,671.	-	8,162.	2,817.	29,592	76,242.	
Oxford	Marilyn Hall, Rt. 1, Box 597-A, Conover 28613	150	4%	1%	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,490.	-	77,490.	-	18,491.	-	18,188.	2,586.	34,495	73,760.	
Penelope	Ms. Edith Triggs, 3564 1st Ave. Cir. NW, Hickory	398	6%	.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,078.	4,056.	301,134.	-	95,774.	-	81,595.	31,892.	49,839	259,100.	
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601	-	3%	.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000.	-	40,000.	-	13,370.	-	5,000.	1,171.	15,000	34,541.	
Sandy Ridge	David Sain, 140 34th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	67	10%	.005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,245.	1,800.	114,045.	-	34,665.	-	59,886.	2,941.	19,052	116,544.	
Springs Road	Mrs. Betty Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601	102	16%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,053.	-	110,053.	-	37,713.	-	17,335.	3,121.	21,785	79,954.	

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP																YEAR ENDING 9/30 1980	
Association																(Month & Day)	
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																	
State																	
North Carolina																	
Associational Treasurer																	
Frelon W. Broome																	
Address																	
354 7th Ave. Pl. NW																Zip 28601	
City Hickory																State N. C.	
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)																	
CHURCHES																	
Startown, First																Howard Church, Rt. 1, Box 117, Newton 28658	
Sweetwater																Dan Guins, 1009 22nd St. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601	
Temple																Max Eller, Rt. 3, Box 662, Newton 28658	
Unity																J. D. Parker, 2919 10th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	
Viewmont																Mrs. Connie Woodall, 220 11th Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	
Warlick's																Mrs. Jackie Ennis, Box 99, Icard 28666	
Wayside																Roma Wilson, 2125 14th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	
West Hickory																Dan Hildebran, 1012 12th St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601	
Winkler's Grove																Eugene Hildebran, Rt. 2, Box 956-K, Connelly Spgs.	
Woodlawn																John Fortner, 514 1st Ave., N., Conover 28613	
Maranatha (Watchcare)																Allen Stafford, Box 480, Icard 28666	
Trinity (Watchcare)																(to be named)	

SPECIAL INFORMATION			YEAR ENDING September 30, 1980 (Month & Day)												Does church have, observe, plan, use, etc?												State paper in budget										
Association			THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION												Y = Yes N = No												Using S.B.C. literature in S.S.										
State			North Carolina																																		
Moderator			Rev. Ben Hall																																		
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Brookford	Leonard Reinhardt, 2824 13th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																																				
Calvary	Harold Scronce, Rt. 1, Box 483, Newton 28658																																				
Catawba	Frankie Bungarmer, Box 496, Catawba 28609																																				
Catawba Valley	Wayne Watson, Rt. 1, Maiden 28650																																				
Central	Harry Evans, Rt. 2, Box 957-K, Connelly Springs 28612																																				
Claremont, First	Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610																																				
Corinth	Bob Buff, Rt. 1, Box 93-A, Vale 28168																																				
East First St.	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658																																				
East Hickory	Jerry Turner, Rt. 11, Box 233, Hickory 28601																																				
Fairbrook	Dale Moore, Rt. 3, Box 722, Newton 28658																																				
Fairgrove	J. R. Carpenter, Box 603, Hildebran 28637																																				
Hickory, First	A. Q. Cook, 375 21st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601																																				
Highland	Harold Deal, 1690 2nd St. NE, Hickory 28601																																				
Hildebran, First	Jack Hodges, Rt. 2, Box 933, Connelly Springs 28612																																				
Icard, First	(to be named)																																				
Lakeview	Robert L. Randall, 1933 27th St. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601																																				
Longview	Fred Cochran, 752 8th St. SW, Hickory 28601																																				
Mountain Grove	John Hall, 709 5th Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																																				
Newton, First	(to be named)																																				
North Newton	Harold Fisher, 1918 N. Ashe Ave., Newton 28658																																				
Oxford	Roger Canipe, Rt. 1, Box 777, Claremont 28610																																				
Penelope	Paul Mise, Rt. 4, Box 142, Hickory 28601																																				
Providence	Joe D. Teague, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601																																				
Sandy Ridge	Dan Walker, Rt. 6, Box 1026, Hickory 28601																																				
Springs Road	Joe Watkins, 1732 29th St. NE, Hickory 28601																																				

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Startown, First										Donald Southers, Rt. 3, Box 657, Conover 28613																			
Sweetwater										Jim Summey, 934 8th St. NE, Hickory 28601																			
Temple										Harry Barger, Rt. 3, Box 36, Hickory 28601																			
Unity										John Evans, Rt. 1, Box 39-C, Hickory 28601																			
Viewmont										Bill Cook, 786 23rd Ave. NE, Hickory 28601																			
Warlick's										(to be named)																			
Wayside										Ed Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601																			
West Hickory										Dick Adams, 1825 15th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																			
Winkler's Grove										Paul Black, Box 192, Hildebran 28637																			
Woodlawn										David L. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 7-S, Newton 28658																			
Maranatha (Watchcare)										Larry Huffman, Box 145, Hildebran 28637																			
Trinity (Watchcare)										John O. McGee, 818 W. 6th St. Ext, Newton 28658																			

